

The Crumb

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Events

Monday:

Lunch	12:45 pm
Orientation	2:30/3:30 pm
Reception	5 pm
Dinner	6 pm
Movie	9 pm

Tuesday:

Registration Begins	9 am
Opening Banquet	6 pm
Opening Ceremony	7:30 pm

Menu

Lunch: beef n' barley soup;
tater salad; cold cut
sandwiches; tossed salad

Dinner: veggie pad thai; asia
beef with snowpeas; broccoli;
chocolate cake

Weather

Today: t'showers	90/64
Tuesday: dang hot	88/64
Wednesday: repeat	83/66

Mont Blanc Yet Gleans On High—The Power Is There

Welcome to Bread Loaf Vermont, where you'll spend the next six weeks reading deeply (or, if you're just getting that package from Amazon: *quickly*), learning from and alongside some brilliant litterateurs, and working under our own Mont. The summer's sure to offer 'the still and solemn power of many sights and many sounds,' whether it's the Opening Reception, Alan MacVey and the Acting Ensemble's production of *Our Town*, or the quiet murmur of Inn roommates echoing across meadows. Like any new mountaineer, you'll need a map and a guideline. This document ought to provide the salient information relating to these first few days of the 94th session of Bread Loaf. Belay on.

Tomorrow, register for the session in the Blue Parlor any time between 9 am and 4:30 pm. Then, the time's yours. Take a stroll around John's Pond out behind the Barn. Hit the Rikert Trails for a quick run. Or settle into that green rocker that's been calling your name since you hauled all that gear to your room (still think you need all those shoes?). Crack a book. It's BL.

Orienteering

Stand down, Bear Grylls. Today's orientation tours require your mere attendance, not wilderness survival skills. Emily Bartels, our Director, and Django Paris, Associate Director, will show you the grounds and answer your every Q with an A. **Meet in the Blue Parlor today at 2:30 or 3:30 pm for a run-down of what's what and what's where.** You'll be glad you got the 411 once the summer's speed picks up in earnest. N.B.: All faculty are invited along for the tours.

Inn-ferno

The Front Desk of the Inn serves as P.O., bus stop, bank, and general information depot. The Staff there will answer your every *pregunta*, address your every need, and occasionally read your paper on the collision of narrative voice in Conrad's fiction, "Victory for Lord Jim in the Heart of Darkness." You wanna cash a check or buy postage? Fix a facilities issue or ride the shuttle down to Midd? They got you. Once you pause to say hello, you'll meet Innkeepers Ed and Victoria Brown, Matt Fiorentino and Peter Newton, as well as Gene Campbell and Kalli Federhofer. They're BL alums, all, and can 'consider the teaching that is hidden behind the veil of these strange verses.' Insider gossip, essay editing, and keys to that sweet BL shuttle will cost you extra.

Unable or unwilling to saunter over to see those Front Desk devils, you can reach them at extension 2700. Off-campus, you'll need to dial the (802) 443-2700 number to get directions back to the True Way from the Wood of Error. Wanna meet some other would-be Virgils? Read on.

Brains Of The Operation

Should you need help in concerns of an academic, record-keeping, logistical, or professional nature, find Elaine Lathrop, Karen Browne, and Melissa Nicklaw in the main BL office at the back of the Inn. These ladies can switch your courses, make an appointment for you with one of the Directors, or instruct you in the arcanas of the School's fax machine. Any queries pertaining to letters of recommendation, fellowships, or transferring credits should be directed to Melissa Nicklaw. You may find Dana Olsen or Sandy LeGault in the Inn Seminar Room.

'Tis Better To Give Than To Receive

Be that as it may, Emily Bartels and Django Paris have set their hearts upon A New Student Reception and, around these parts, those folks get what they want. You're in luck, though: the party's for you. Now that you've alphabetized your Calvino books (thought no one saw that?) and can tell the difference between Birch and Treman (one's got green on it and the other has yellow...), you oughta spiff up and **head to the 5pm reception today (Monday) on the West Lawn**. Come meet the Directors, members of the BL faculty and staff, and the rest of your incoming brood. Heads up: Django *will* quiz you on the birth order of the British Romantics. No big deal, but he just wants to make sure your application checks out. Relax and have fun.

...And When They Had Set Aside Desire For Food And Drink...

Homer knew reading that much poetry can work up a healthy appetite. You won't need to sit, Achilles-like, high above the hoi polloi. Instead, tramp over to the Dining Hall when you hear the dulcet tones of the supper bell. **Breakfast begins promptly at 7:15, lunch at 12:45, and dinner at 6:00.** The timing's important here; since meals last just 45 minutes, you want to arrive promptly and order your option without delay. If it's Sunday dinner through Thursday dinner, the meal is a sit-down affair with service provided by the Waitstaff. That means your food comes pipin' hot from Chef Darren's stove to your plate while your cup runneth over due to the ministrations of students who are studying Modernism, Imagination, and "The Wife of Bath's Tale" right alongside you. Do say "please" and "thank you," and return to the wine-dark seas when the lights in the Dining Hall blink.

Let's Go Parking

Mind out of the gutter there, you. The deal with parking on Route 125 is this: the asphalt in front of the dorms is only for loading or unloading. Because you'd be in the way of emergency personnel in a crisis, because you've already finished unpacking, because staff and returning students need the space, **please move your car to the large lot in front of the Barn** (unless you call Brandy Brook, Gilmore, or Tamarack home). You may not park along Route 125 and you really don't want to delay the food delivery trucks behind the Inn (see above). Besides, more trips to the Barn = more chances to talk up that cutie from Curtain's class, yeah? If you're in doubt as to whether or not it's an acceptable spot to park, assume the Barn lot is better. Crystal?

We Can Talk Or Not Talk For Hours...And Still Find Things Not To Talk About

That smartphone of yours may or may not allow you to speak with friends back home. In the Best Things About the Mountain file, cellphones rarely get service once you drive past the Waybury Inn in East Middlebury. Most Loafers head to town in order to rejoin the 21st century, catch up with the fam, and chat up pals, but some old timers have begun using the WiFi for iPhone-specific communication apps. In all events, please recognize that the quiet and the face to face interactions around here form much of the energy that drives the BL experience. Use discretion and consider your colleagues when you wish to text, FaceTime, or Skype with off-Mountain folk.

Landlines still work. There's a phone on every hall with a campus directory nearby. To dial a campus number, punch in the corresponding digits as listed. If someone back home wants to call you, they should dial (802) 443, then your floor's four-digit extension. Using a calling card will mean you dial 9-1, then follow the directions on the card. Create a little *bonhomie* and take a message for someone if your dorm phone rings. *Grand bonhomie* when you ask your non-BL friends and family to call before 11 pm and after 8 am.

Epistolary Epiphany

Handwritten letters, Mr. Darcy's musings, bills from your non-Mountain life, and messages from fellow Loafers come to your mailbox behind the Front Desk Monday through Saturday. After August, it's *sayonara* Saturdays, but you'll be home by then so don't sweat it. You can also buy postage and arrange FedEx and UPS shipping in the same place. You share a mailbox with another student. Help each other master the intricacies of the alphanumeric code wheel. The combination should be in your registration packet. Since we're all increasingly dependent on electronic communication, **make certain you have access to BreadNet**. In fact, BreadNet's the virtual brain of the School. You ought to make an effort to **check your account daily**, as professors often use it for announcements and assignments, while the Conferences folder offers a smorgasbord of informational delectables. The kind folks in the Apple Cellar will help get you up and running if you need a hand.

Anima Sana In Corpore Sane

Lace up your trainers and mull Joe Christmas with sweat on your brow. Maps of running/hiking trails are available at the Front Desk or on the Family Circus meets Matisse drawing that hangs on the wall of the Barn. Word of mouth amongst your classmates will also give you good ideas for cardio workouts near Lake Pleiad or the Route 59 Loop. Biking questions—of the road, mountain, or stationary sort—can be answered by Kalli Federhofer or Ed Brown at the Front Desk. Do NOT ask for the Century Ride. Please keep your cycle locked on a rack or in your room. **Your Middlebury ID card grants entrance to the Midd Fitness Center on Main Campus**. Nautilus enthusiasts, Charles Atlas wanna-be's, and low impact/highly social athletes all recognize the gym's second to none. **Summer hours at the Fitness Center are: Monday-Friday, 6-8:45 am and 12-8:45 pm. Saturday/Sunday, 10 am-4:45 pm.** If you're going to give Amanda Beard a run for her money or you want triceps like that dreamy Ryan Lochte, you're welcome to dive in the pool; **hours are: Monday-Friday, 6-9 am and 12-8:45 pm. Saturday/Sunday 10 am-4:45 pm.** Think you'll shoot better than Tiger at Merion? \$85 buys a summer long pass to play Midd's 18 hole golf course. Pick-up games of volleyball, softball, soccer, ultimate, and bocce occur almost nightly on the Mountain. **If you're planning to play and want company, send me a note and it'll become a public event.** The same offer stands for yoga, tai chi, or other wellness activities you'd like to lead.

The Real Thing

Tom Stoppard doesn't read much on a Kindle, and for you 20th century holdouts, the building with a view toward Willa Cather's cabin houses a cornucopia of paper and ink scholarship. Davison Library offers research, word processing, video editing, and—yes—reading—opportunities. The shelves nearest the clay tennis courts hold reserve texts for every Bread Loaf course, while the Barn side shelves offer iconic titles for you to double check the *Crumb's* accuracy. Keep feeding your biblio-jones with a few keystrokes on MidCat (the search engine) and in the Library stacks. The Davison staff ministers to your information obsessions; ask one of the librarians at the first floor desk for help locating cutting edge articles like "Whitman's Quiet Voice and Humble Intentions" (don't worry; it's quite short) or "Gatsby Digs Hova: Who Knew?" Please take heed: **typing on the first floor computers is strictly verboten**. Take your laptop to the tree-top views upstairs (where you may encounter a *Crumb* Bum hard at work) when you need to bang out the conclusion to your essay on "Endymion." Davison stays open as late as a truck stop (though the librarians will go home at a decent hour and use softer language), while the **Davis Family Library on Main Campus welcomes you 7:30 am—midnight during the week and 9 am—11pm on the weekends.**

Norwegian Wood

So here's the deal with fire and Bread Loaf: only someone with a Rubber Soul would endanger these historic buildings. Vermont state law prohibits smoking in all public buildings—including dormitories—and Bread Loaf does not permit smoking on dorm porches. Feel free to smoke near the Barn or another spot with spindle-shaped sand-filled pails. The smoke detectors will quote Oliver Wendell Holmes with the slightest provocation. If your detector makes noise without discernible cause, stop by the Front Desk and grab a new battery to replace the old. Bread Loaf is a 19th century inn. It's made of wood...dry, tinder-like wood. The electrical grid on the Mountain will support minimal, weaker drains on its charge. Therefore, **please do not plug in** your Keurig, your Bose, your hot plate, or your Prius. Overloading the circuits might make you responsible for a clear and present danger, *capisce?* Do the right thing.

Pret-A-Porter

If Laertes listened to his dad, you'd see him rockin' his finest on the reg. When you care to wash your identity-proclaiming apparel, **find the laundry in the white shed next to the phone booth and across from the Barn parking lot.** Trade paper tender for quarters at the Front Desk and get out, out that damned spot.

What Shall We Do Tomorrow? What Shall We Ever Do?

Loafers past and present have compiled a metric ton of non-academic activities for your Friday-Sunday leisure. Start exploring "Fun, Food, Frivolity" at: www.middlebury.edu/blse/campuses/vt/VTsummer

Throw Physic To The Dogs, I'll None Of It

Need to attend to minor medical issues? The black metal rolling cart of first aid supplies sits just outside the first floor women's restroom inside the Inn. Its contents cover everything from headaches to bee stings to bandages for minor cuts and scrapes. Additionally, you'll find information regarding nearby pharmacies, health centers, and (oddly) instructions on clearing your sinuses. You'll find no (medical) doctors on campus and no Catherine Barkleys to care for you; of course, if there's a serious situation, you can always visit the Parton Health Center (phone: 802-443-5135) and **see the on-duty nurse between 12 and 4 pm weekdays or 9 am and 1 pm on weekends.** An emergency requires a 911 call, followed by notification of the Front Desk (x2700). If the emergency occurs after hours, get the ambulance with 911, then call Ed or Victoria Brown (x2733) to give them a heads up. A final FYI: the aforementioned cart also contains latex prophylactics.

I Do Not Fear Computers. I Fear The Lack Of Them.

The Apple Cellar is home to Bread Loaf's computer lab, student printers, the coldest AC on campus, and the fine techno-gurus who can troubleshoot all your computing issues. It's located in the basement of Davison Library. Dial up x4721 if you're really good at explaining how "the thing doesn't do what it did before when I clicked on it." Otherwise, maybe a personal visit's in order? Should you need help with passwords or other network obstacles, try the Middlebury Help Desk at x2200.

Today's A Red Letter Day

Take a load off this evening and go see a flick. *Easy A* will play **tonight (Monday) at 9 pm in the Barn.** There's no Pearl or Dimmesdale, and no real analog for Chillingworth, but the movie's still a riff on Hawthorne's best-known *roman*. Emma Watson's star turn will remind you why she's a current Hollywood darling and Lisa Kudrow's obviously hysterical, as per usual. Bonus points for those of you who know Nat Hawthorne's most famous Bowdoin classmates.

D.A. Barracus

Directors' Assistants play many parts during the summer. They're Mr./Ms. Fix-Its, Gladwell-esque Mavens, barkeeps at social functions, and—oxymoronically—specialists in generally everything. You'll want to make their acquaintance when you get the chance. Enter Kim Masterson, late of the Asheville campus, one Matt Cinotti, and the inimitable Calista Kelly. These cats are the ones who'll attend to the myriad logistical requirements in a Bread Loaf session and ought to be your first contact for questions of an institutional nature. They call Treman home, though you're more likely to see them walking the campus or putting on an event.

Crumb Again?

Last bit of introduction, then it's time for you to go exploring. *The Crumb* will be available weekdays just before lunch at the Front Desk and in the Dining Hall. It contains (mostly) newsworthy morsels, plaintive requests, reminders for upcoming events, gentle admonishments regarding BL's policies, food menus, weather forecasts, cheesy puns, allusions of questionable taste, and (hopefully) your own writing. *The Crumb's* also available online; find it in the CyberBarn on BreadNet. Your *Crumb* Bum is Ken Hincker, a 2009 BL grad. Please submit any and all correspondence to my BreadNet account (hinckerh@middlebury.edu) or leave a note for me at the Front Desk. Any and all *annonces* are welcome; help make this space interactive. *Viva el verano. Viva el Loaf.*

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June 25, 2013

Events

Tuesday:

Registration Begins 9 am

Opening Banquet 6 pm

Opening Ceremony 7:30 pm

Wednesday:

Classes Begin

S.O.C. Reception 7:30 pm

Thursday:

Pond Reading 9 pm

Menu

Lunch: tomato soup; grilled cheese; burgers; grilled veggie salad; mac & cheese; herbed quinoa

Dinner: mushroom ravioli with beurre blanc; grilled steak chimichurro; Yukon mashers; roasted asparagus

Weather

Today: heat n' rain 88/66

Wednesday: same 84/64

Thursday: guess what? 79/64

An Alpine Idyll Amidst The Storms And Pregnant Moon

Oh, you're here?! That's great news. It's the 94th session of Bread Loaf and the campus seemed empty without you. You see, things have been quiet here around Grover's C...ah, Ripton since last August. Seems like the whole place was waiting for you and the other Loafers to arrive. Strange whispers hover about the graveyard down 125, so it's good to have company. Plus, I keep craving ice cream sodas. No matter, I'm sure by Act II—say, right after July 4—, we'll lock into the rhythm of BL and set things in order. For now, unpack a few things, greet old friends from summers past, and prep for six weeks of study and growth. We're glad you've come to Bread Loaf Vermont.

Make certain that you have registered for the session in the Blue Parlor any time between 9 am and 4:30 pm. It's also a good time to tie up any loose ends with the Bread Loaf Main Office and set up your computing situation. These things have a way of lurking until you're right in the middle of a paper for Fyler (working title is "Chaucer's Poesie: When Vowels Fight Back") and your life back home beckons. Once you're settled, turn your attention towards

Sumptuous Fare And The Kick-off Event

Chef Darren and the crew will provide the **tasty vittles for the Opening Banquet at 6 pm sharp.** Now's a fine chance to chat up someone new and trade No, I Had The Longest Trip To Get Here tales.

Once the Opening Banquet shuts down, you'll want to mosey over to the **Burgess Meredith Little Theater for the formal kick-off to the session.** At 7:30 pm Emily Bartels and Django Paris will suss out some of the School's history and frame the work that we'll do together this summer. In previewing events of note—guest speakers, scholarly lectures, poetry and prose fiction readings, and Friday morning open seminars—the Directors will likely supplement all the other I Gotta Do *That* plans you've already made. **A brief reception for the community will follow the Opening Ceremony on the lawn overlooking the tennis courts (rain location: Inn Porch).**

Students Of Color Reception Tomorrow Night

Django Paris will host a gathering for all students of color this **Wednesday at 7:30 pm.** Dragon's Den lies about a mile back down 125 East. Interested walkers, carpoolers and bike riders will meet at 7:15 that evening on the Inn Porch to coordinate transportation.

Meal Schedule Now In Effect

You may wish to tear off the following table of meal times, just in case your appetite's not synchronized with the tintinnabulation of the bells, the bells, the bells.

Breakfast:	Monday-Thursday	7:15-8 am	Plated and Served
	Friday-Sunday	8-9 am	Buffet
Lunch:	Monday-Thursday	12:45-1:30 pm	Plated and Served
	Friday-Sunday	12:45-1:30 pm	Buffet
Dinner:	Monday-Thursday	6-6:45 pm	Plated and Served
	Friday-Saturday	6-6:45 pm	Buffet
	Sunday	6-6:45 pm	Plated and Served

Join A Venerable, Creative Bread Loaf Outfit

The first meeting of the Bread Loaf Teacher Network will be **this Thursday, June 27th in Barn 1 at 7 p.m.** We invite everyone in the Bread Loaf community to learn more about the teacher network and how the network can impact your teaching, your community, and your students.

We offer exciting opportunities for teachers to explore innovative curriculum ideas tailored for the 21st century classroom. We hope to see you at our meetings and hope that you will bring a friend along.

Don't Forget To Parkour That Ride

Traceurs et traceuses, if you can see your car from your dorm window or porch, **it's time to move the thing to the Barn parking lot.** Please keep the curbs open for emergency or facilities personnel to use.

A Cottage Industry

Please recall that Cherry, Birch, Tamarack, and Brandybrook cottages are quiet dorms this summer. Normally, that means headphones when you rock your Engelbert Humperdinck, little cat feet when you walk about the halls, and fewer porch get-togethers. In all things, use your best judgment and consider your fellow students hard at work.

A message on the same subject for other dorms: **campus-wide quiet hours begin at 11 pm and last until 8 am.** If you'd like to socialize into the still of the night, the Barn's open at all hours.

Finally, a word on flammables and Bread Loaf's wooden structures is in order. A power strip's your friend for warding off thunderstorm-driven electrical surges, but please don't take all those plugs as a challenge. Overloading BL's electrical grid—like burning candles, incense, or, *sacre bleu*, cigarettes indoors—might make you responsible for the Great Fire of 2013. Don't be that student. Smoker's pails are placed around campus for you to dispose of butts. Thanks for helping keep the campus safe and clean.

Contact Information For Unplanned Occurrences

For aid with dorm/facilities issues, the Front Desk is your best bet (x2700). **For non-emergent problems after 11pm, when the Front Desk is closed, please call Public Safety at 5911 from a campus phone (or 802-443-5911 from a cell).**

These Mountains Ain't The Only Things Green

To help reduce the stress we put on the local environment, continue to recycle your plastic bottles and all paper. In fact, when you're finished reading this *Crumb*, toss it in a marked receptacle. Shoot for shorter showers (and cool ones at that, considering this current swampiness). Get your liquid fill from re-usable water bottles and your own coffee mug. The Front Desk will even accept your used batteries.

Late Breaking Update

Special guest Professor Andrea Lunsford will not be on campus this week as scheduled, but will visit later in the summer to meet with interested students. Keep your eye on this space for new information.

Crumb On And Write Me

Sporting, screening, working, and wildlife announcements come my way; use hinckerh@breadnet.middlebury.edu

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Events

Wednesday:

Classes Begin

S.O.C. Reception 7:30 pm

Thursday:

Pond Reading 9:30 pm

Friday:

Austen Workshop 10 am

Senior Meeting 3 pm

Senior Reception 5 pm

All School Picnic 6 pm

Movie 9 pm

Menu

Lunch: turkey rice soup;
roast beef wrap; grilled
mushroom wrap; green bean
salad; onion rings

Dinner: southwestern grilled
chicken; spinach, sweet
potato, & bean quesadilla;
Spanish rice; broccoli

Weather

Today: muggy/storms 82/64

Thursday: lotsa water 81/63

Friday: buy a paddle 73/61

Students Of Color Reception This Evening In Dragon's Den

Django and Rae Paris will host a **gathering for all students of color tonight at 7:30 pm**. Dragon's Den lies about a mile down 125 on your way to Midd. Interested walkers, carpoolers and bike riders will meet at 7:15 on the Inn Porch to coordinate transportation.

Demonstrate Your Sense And Sensibility

Claudia Johnson, Murray Professor of English Literature and Chair of the English Department at Princeton University, **will offer an Austen workshop, "Jane Austen and the Cinematic Age," this Friday morning at 10 am in Barn 1**. Dr. Johnson's most recent work, *Jane Austen's Cults and Cultures*, explores the "Jane mania" that drives much of the current popularity of the author's work. A renowned scholar of gender studies, the eighteenth century novel, and Mary Wollstonecraft, Dr. Johnson ought to give you some brain food before you nestle up in Davison to read further. **Anyone interested in sharing dinner with Dr. Johnson Thursday evening can sign up on the bulletin board outside the Dining Hall.**

I'm Always BLTN Out The Ansah

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Seldom Senior Face Around Here

Fifth-years of the Book, marshal your forces and move *en masse* to the **Blue Parlor this Friday at 3 pm for a class meeting**, the first of such events that lead to your eventual degree. Didn't think it was coming that fast, did ya? Seniors will devise plans for Graduation in August, vote on important leadership positions, and reconnect with those classmates you last saw on that hike in Santa Fe (what happens in the desert...). Victoria Brown will explain the whole shebang while the DA's will play amateur phrenologists. This meeting's a command performance, gang. Emily and Django will host a **reception for the Class of 2013 at 5 pm Friday evening on the West Lawn**. Perhaps there they'll hold forth on the many uses of a Gamaliel Painter cane.

Call For Submissions

The Robert Haiduke Poetry Contest was established many years ago as an opportunity for Bread Loaf students to obtain recognition for their original poetry. It is a multi-campus competition with **one deadline for submission: Thursday, July 18, 2013**. To enter submit one or two poems (maximum 40 lines each) by e-mail to Karen Browne on BreadNet. The winner(s) will receive a substantial cash prize and the winning poems will be published and distributed at all Bread Loaf campuses and published on the Bread Loaf website. **Please note that by entering the contest you give permission for your poems to be printed and distributed.**

The Fiction Prize was started in the summer of 2009. Bread Loaf is seeking fiction entries from current students in a multi-campus competition. The competition has **one deadline for submission: next Monday, July 1, 2013**. Each student may make one submission of no more than 10 double-spaced pages, ideally a self-contained piece of writing. Please use one-inch margins and a font size no smaller than 10. There will be one cash award. **Please note that by entering the contest you give permission for your writing to be printed and distributed.**

No Ideas But In Things

Unacknowledged legislators of the world, Frost fanatics, short-form poetry hounds: these items of note deserve your attention. Noam Osband invites all interested to join him in starting a Robert Frost reading group. **First informational meeting of said Frosties will take place tonight at 7 pm in the Blue Parlor.** Like your poetry in a single breath? Front Desker Peter Newton, long a practitioner and proponent of haiku, micropoetry, monostiches and the like, would love to read and share such work with fellow Loafers. He suggests using a common BL Twitter hashtag, which brings us to

#BLSE13

So let's organize our talk, short-form poems, Mountain meditations, and other Bread Loaf-related chatter around a single hashtag, yeah? If you're a Tweeter on Twitter and want to post your own ruminations, read, view, or otherwise interact with your colleagues' work, start thinking in 140 characters or less. That tag can house your creative, non-fiction, and unscripted responses to the 94th session. Limber up those thumbs.

Emergency Procedures

Situations come in two varieties, life-threatening and non-. For life-threatening issues, call 911 first, then the Front Desk at x2700 or Ed and Victoria Brown at x2710 or x2713 if it's after 11 pm. For all other imminent issues, contact the Browns, then please call Middlebury Public Safety at x5911. All numbers can be dialed from off-campus using the format (802) 443+the extension.

Don't Worry Nighthawks; This Lecture's Early In The Evening

Really? You fancy *The Gross Clinic* over *The Life Line*? Does Eakins possess the passion Hopper does? Here's a chance to find out. **Gail Levin, world authority on Edward Hopper, will speak Thursday, June 27, 4:30 pm in the Mahaney Center for the Arts, Route 30, Middlebury.** A native of Atlanta, Georgia, Levin is Distinguished Professor of Art History, American Studies, and Women's Studies at The Graduate Center and Baruch College of the City University of New York. The Mahaney Center exhibition EDWARD HOPPER IN VERMONT will remain open following her talk.

Win A Wardrobe To Last A Lifetime

If you plan to wear only a 2013 Bread Loaf t-shirt for all your days, that is. This is the official notice of the BL T-Shirt Design Competition. Should your artistic rendering pass muster, you'll drive off Mountain with a free shirt (to say nothing of the everlasting glory that attends such a coup). **Please submit original designs for a screen-printed shirt to Calista Kelly—in Treman or at the Front Desk—by this coming Tuesday, July 2.**

Well, That's One Of The Uses Of Poetry

Tomorrow's the first Pond Reading of the summer. Hear Victor Luftig read something to delight while the DA's keep the chill at bay with a toasty campfire. John's Pond lies just down the hill behind the Barn; follow the smoke, listen for the laughter. N.B.: bring an ID if you'd like to parch that thirst. Festivities normally begin around 9:30.

There Was Music From My Neighbor's House Through The Summer Nights

Would-be spinners, possessors of massive iTunes holdings, hep cats, and party-starters, the DA's hope you'd like to DJ some of the social events in the Barn this summer. Contact Matt, Calista, or Kim if you've experience in this sort of thing or the musical catalog that backs up the Library of Congress. Your move, Kool Herc.

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Friday:

Wr. Center Training 9 am

Austen Workshop 10 am

Frost Rdg. Group 1:45 pm

Senior Meeting 3 pm

Senior Reception 5 pm

All School Picnic 6 pm

Movie 9 pm

Saturday:

BL Mtn. Hike 11 am

Menu

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Hungarian mushroom soup;
dijon potato salad

Dinner: pork vindaloo; shani
tofu with veggies; mango
chutney; roasted cauliflower

Double Double

Th: thunder 86/63

Fri: lightning 75/63

Sat: or in rain? 79/63

Mr. Darcy Can Be A Conversible Companion; Can You?

For those of you who love movies and who love Jane Austen, preferably both at the same time, **Claudia Johnson**, Murray Professor of English Literature at Princeton University will run a workshop **this Friday in Barn 1 at 10 am on teaching Jane Austen in a cinematic age**. Up for discussion will be film clips from adaptations of Austen's novels, alongside excerpts from the works. All are welcome. Professor Johnson is the author of *Jane Austen's Cults and Cultures* (2012), along with other books about Austen, Wollstonecraft, Burney, and Radcliffe. You can find the first tome down in the Annex Bookstore. **Anyone interested in sharing dinner with Prof. Johnson tonight can sign up on the bulletin board outside the Dining Hall.**

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Daisy Buchanan, Chapter 5, Post-Reunion, Gatsby's Closet

News of the 2013 Bread Loaf T-Shirt Contest sent most of you straight to your studios. Charcoal dust hung over the meadows and the Midd art store quickly ran out of oils and watercolors. All to the good, Loafers. **Please submit your shirt designs to Calista Kelly forthwith. Use BreadNet or the Front Desk to do so. Final deadline is Tuesday, July 2.**

Ponder This

Keep up those anti-rain dances. The first **Pond Reading** *cum* campfire will take place **tonight at 9:30 pm** around John's Pond. See you there with an ID and a smile. By that time, your weekend will have begun...

Ring Out, Wild Bells

Lord Tennyson would have you know that the echolalia emanating from the Inn marks the start and close of each class block. The bells are *not* five-minute warnings as they have been in years past.

Writing Center Training Tomorrow Morning

Beverly Moss and Sherry Brown will welcome those students who wish to become Writing Center Readers to **training sessions beginning at 9 am Friday in Barn 3**. Keep your eyes on this space to hear more about the Center's imminent opening.

Feed

All members of the BL community, with their significant others and children, are invited to an **All School Picnic tomorrow evening at 6 pm on the West Lawn**. Note that this event replaces dinner in the Dining Hall. Come to eat well, play in the grass, and decompress after the first week goes in the books. Want more of that High Culture meets Pop Art? Check out the **screening of *Clueless* at 9 pm in the Barn**. Looks like we're gonna have to make a cameo at the Val party.

So, You Think You Can Dance?

This weekend's **dance will begin at 9 pm Saturday in the Barn**. We'll do a bit of contra then. Calm down, Ollie North. Contra's a partnered folk dance akin to square dancing. The caller will walk you through the steps and before long you'll be gliding *up the hall* and *down the hall* with abandon. Prior experience might help, but very few of us arrive with any. Alas, your *Crumb Bum*, like Howard Klaiman in *Best In Show*, has two left feet. *Sigh* Don't forget that ID if you'd like some liquid refreshment.

How Blue Can You Get?

John "Don't Ask Me About The Daily Show" Oliver and Simon "Simon" Brown will kick off the summer's **Blue Parlor reading series this Sunday at 7 pm**. Blue Parlor features student creative writing in all stages of completion. The environment's warm and welcoming, plus the company's always good. Contact either JO or SB if you'd like to get on the docket. Otherwise, see you Sunday eve.

Cormac McCarthy's Post-Apocalypse Novel

Peter Clark and a handful of other off-campus students would like to put together a carpool for the summer. Seems like saving gas and reducing that carbon footprint makes sense to all. Know, too, that some cars will pause in Ripton and drop kids at Croutons. Feel free to contact Peter over BreadNet if you're game.

The Magic Mountain

Hikers, budding Audubons, cross-trainers, and nature-lovin' mountain folk can all join in the summer's first Saturday Excursion. Matt Fiorentino, Front Desk and general Man About Town, will lead the **hike up Bread Loaf Mountain to Skylight Pond** and back down to campus again. Please drop a note at the Front Desk or contact Matt on BreadNet if you'd like to come along. This is an intermediate hike and will likely take about five total hours. **Plan to leave the Inn at 11 am** and bring a water bottle, rain jacket, bugspray, and sunscreen. Binocs or a camera may come in handy, too. Bag lunches will be provided and thus, your prompt sign-up is appreciated.

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Breakfast Of Champions

The *Crumb's* Sports Information Office has been quiet of late. Perhaps you're still taking the lay of the land? Remember to pop an email or note to me if you've planned pick-up hoops, yoga practice, judo lessons, or games of chance. This kind of PR will surely flood your ranks. The mailbox for *Crumb* notices is 2251. Game on.

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Events

Friday:

Frost Rdg. Group 1:45 pm

Senior Meeting 3 pm

Senior Reception 5 pm

All School Picnic 6 pm

Movie: *Clueless* 9 pm

Saturday:

BL Mtn. Hike 11 am

Sunday:

Blue Parlor 7 pm

Menu

Lunch: split pea soup w/ or w/o ham; turkey cheddar wrap; hummus veggie wrap; veggie chili

Picnic: burgers; dogs; grilled portobellos; grilled BBQ chicken; baked beans; H2Omelon; ice cream

Weather

Fri: lil' breezy 73/63

Sat: more storminess 77/59

Sun: maybe a break? 75/63

Now Close The Windows

The Frost Reading Group, under the capable leadership of Noam "Dr." Osband, has determined its meetings will take place Friday afternoon and they can't be dissuaded. Only fitting, then, that their first collection will be *A Boy's Will*. **The FRG will convene today in the Blue Parlor at 1:45 pm** and discuss the entirely timely "Storm Fear," among other poems in Frost's maiden effort. Snag a copy in Davison or just work from memory as you do with other poetry—like *Paradise Lost* or *The Faerie Queen*. All are welcome.

Make Time Monday

Castle Freeman, Jr. will be on campus this Monday evening and will **read from his fiction in the Barn at 7:30 pm**. Mr. Freeman's work frequently evokes the *je nais se quoi* of life in rural New England, notably those rhythms of our own Green Mountain State. See for yourself by reading something of his from our bookstore or look for a work in Davison. One reviewer of Freeman's first novel, *Judgment Hill*, likened reading the author's prose to watching Jackie Robinson break into MLB. And David Huddle knows of what he speaks.

Get Outta My Dreams, Get Into My Car

Even though today's skies remind you of *High Wind in Jamaica*, please do keep your auto/motorcycle/mechanized tricycle in the Barn lot. With the threat of power outage or storm damage, BL Facilities workers need clear access to all buildings and roads this weekend.

What's The Blue Book Value, Mr. Ocean?

Your own classmates will offer up their creative output at **Sunday's Blue Parlor reading**. **Kicking off at 7 pm**, the event will showcase John and Simon's efforts to bring the finest student works to the BL community. Stop in and be wowed.

My Town / That Created All The Bass Sound

Alan MacVey, Mary Spence, and the actors in this summer's play, *Our Town*, invite you to attend the very **first read-through this Sunday at 3 pm in the Little Theatre**. Please let yourself in quietly and stay to listen as long as you'd like. This one's not interactive, but rather an opportunity to watch a production take shape from point dot. In future weeks, you'll have the chance to observe the organic process that leads to the full performance in late July. Lucky you, Mr. Van Winkle.

Hold Me Closer, Tony Danza

Once you count the headlights on the highway, let's get (English folk) traditional and learn to tell a triple minor from a Virginia Reel. **Tomorrow's contra dance will begin at 9 pm in the Barn.** This one's fun for all, as folks often bring their kids by and professors will frequently hop in to show you young whippersnappers how it's done. Slip your ID into your jeans and plaid ensemble if you'd like to cool off with a drink.

Friday's Feast

Tonight's the **All School Picnic at 6 pm.** As you might expect, forecasts for the evening will likely move the event to the Dining Hall. The food's still extra tasty, just a bit drier that way. Plus, you don't want to change out of your Cher-inspired outfit for **Clueless at 9 pm in the Barn.** Yep, looking at you for that one, Gilmore Guys.

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Make A New Plan, Stan; You Don't Need To Be Coy, Roy

Just listen to me: are you new to the Mountain and looking for a bit o' leisure this weekend? Sandy LeGault and the BL staff have cobbled together an incredibly useful document for visitors like us who don't know VT quite as well as Castle Freeman. It's called "Fun, Food, and Frivolity...in Vermont." You can type in this (admittedly lengthy) URL: http://www.middlebury.edu/media/view/423358/original/food_fun_frivolity_summer_2012.pdf or you can navigate to the Ripton Campus: Summer Information page on the Bread Loaf website and scroll to the bottom to find the link.

Fiction Contest Closes Next Week!

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Hungry Like The Wolf

Off-campus students are always welcome to eat in the Dining Hall. Simply buy a meal ticket at the Front Desk. Breakfast will run you seven bills, lunch a twelve-spot, and dinner's seventeen. Or buy The Special: \$200 will keep you eating for twenty meals...any meals you wish. Smart choice, Super Shopper.

Annex—Ripton Country Store—Rite Aid

Those are your best options, in expanding concentric circles, to pick up your sundries nearby. Our **Annex Bookstore stays open 8:30 am to 12:30 pm, then re-opens from 1 to 4 pm.** Toiletries, office necessities, coffee travel mugs, tons of BL gear, and—oh, yes—actual books line the shelves. The Country Store will sell you Iec [sic], candy, a newspaper, and other items that really must be seen to understand. Once you're down in Midd, the Rite Aid will suit your needs and offers pharmacy services besides. And speaking of medical details, remember not to play the

Hippocratic Oaf

by overlooking the DIY First-Aid cart on the Inn's first floor. You need not stockpile your own compresses, ankle wraps, painkillers, or crutches. You're covered for minor situations. More pressing health issues might require a call (802.443.5135) or a trip to the Parton Health Center on Middlebury campus. Be advised that the Parton offers counseling services as well. Of course, life-threatening emergencies require a 911 call, then contact with Ed or Victoria at the Front Desk (x2700) or at home if it's after 11 pm (x2710 or x2713).

Summit All Up

Matt's hike to Skylight Pond and BL Mountain's peak goes off tomorrow at 11 am. If you can help with carpooling, please indicate so on the Front Desk's sign-up sheet. A medical release form also needs your John Hancock.

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Events

Monday:

Soccer 7 pm

Freeman Reading 7:30 pm

Yoga 7:30 pm

Tuesday:

S.O.C. Meeting 7:30 pm

Yoga 7:30 pm

Wednesday:

All School Photo pre-lunch

Faculty Photo post-lunch

Directors' Reception 5 pm

Alumni Night 7:30 pm

Menu

Lunch: leek-potato soup;
Italian sandwich; roasted
veggie muffaletta; salad

Dinner: General Tso's
chicken; tofu stir fry; eggrolls;
brown rice

Weather

Mon: keep it comin' 79/61

Tue: might rain 73/64

Wed: hope? 81/63

Attention Loafers In Year One

All First-Years are asked to please set up an introductory meeting with Emily or Django to take place this week or next. You'll meet in groups of 5-6 and can sign up with your friends. Get on the docket with Elaine Lathrop in the BL Main Office in back of the Inn. This event's a **Don't Miss**.

Summer Reading Series Begins Tonight

Castle Freeman, Jr. is on campus, taking in Bread Loaf writers' work and preparing to offer up some of his own. You'll want to make every effort to get your Plato prepared for *manana*, then go hear Mr. Freeman read from his work in the Barn at 7:30 pm. Fact: the *Old Farmer's Almanac* ran, for a period spanning some thirty years, the "Farmer's Calendar" essays which gave insight into the seasonal changes afoot at the hinge points of each year. Fact #2: those were all Freeman originals. Come see what fictional, regional, or human insights Mr. Freeman's reading holds, and consider extending your evening at the **Treman Reception following the reading**.

Good News/Bad News Situation

Bad news comes first. The 2013 T-Shirt Design Contest ends Tuesday and the Powers That Be will decide the image to adorn this year's sartorial sensation. Good news is that you can still submit your arty/literary/clever work to Calista Kelly right up until tomorrow. "Inspiration exists, but it has to find you working", says Pablo.

A Man, A Plan, A Canal, Panama

For those of you who eschew the information bar just to the left, plan ahead for the week's many offerings with the list below.

Monday: Castle Freeman reading at 7:30 pm in the Barn.

Tuesday: Student of Color meeting at 7:30 pm in the Blue Parlor.

Wednesday: Course Drop/Add deadline, Alumni Reading Night at 7:30 pm in Barn 1, first summer Directors' Reception at 5 pm on the West Lawn, and All School Photo before lunch.

Thursday: Andover/Bread Loaf arrive on campus, a BLTN meeting at 7 pm in Barn 1, and a 9:30 pm Pond Reading sponsored by Barn East.

Friday: Jim Sabin's workshop on teaching ethics at 10 am in Barn 1, John Fyler's workshop on revising prose at 2:30 pm in Barn 1, Jim Shuman's *Underneath the Lintel* at 7:30 pm in Barn A, and the movie *Sleepers* at 9 pm in the Barn.

Tables Turned

Here's a quick note from the neighborhood. The picnic table—in fact, all furniture and grassy space—that fronts the Caretakers' House ought to be left free for that family to enjoy. If you've crossed the gravel road next to Barn A and have ventured past the gas pumps, you're hanging on a private lawn. Thanks for finding a new lounge spot in between classes.

Stay Limber, Stay Classy, San Diego

Hannah (second palindrome today!) Pulit has generously offered her able instruction in **Vinyasa yoga every weeknight between 7:30 and 8:15 in Barn A**. This class builds strength, flexibility, relaxation, and a brief respite from the books. Please bring a mat if you have one (a towel works, too) and dress in loose-fitting duds.

Hear Ye, Hear Ye: this Wednesday, July 3rd, is the Course Drop/Add Deadline!

Collaborative, Useful Writing Aid

Our Bread Loaf Writing Center has returned for summer business and that staff stands ready to lend a hand, whether you're stressing over that Nietzschean reading of *Huck Finn* or you just want to throw around ideas for your latest opus to grace the Blue Parlor. Bring in any and all work for a conference with these trained readers. Each week, the Writing Center hours will be posted on the bulletin board outside of the Dining Hall and on the door of the Center. Located on Davison Library's top floor, the Center operates in the space adjacent to the technology classroom. Find the sign-up sheet posted on the door of the Writing Center to schedule a meeting. Walk-ins are also welcome, but appointments get priority.

Writing Center schedule for the week of July 1-7:

Monday: 8:00 – 10 am, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm, 2:00 – 4:30 pm, 5:00 – 6:00 pm

Tuesday: 9:45 am – 12:45 pm, 1:00–5:00 pm

Wednesday: 9:00 am –1:00 pm, 2:00 – 5:00 pm

Thursday: 10:00 am – 12:00 noon, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Fridays and Saturdays: closed

Sunday: 8:00 – 10:00 am, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, 3:30 – 5:30 pm

Essential Community Event

Sue Ritter, Middlebury Human Relations Officer, will give an important presentation on anti-harassment and anti-assault policies this Tuesday at dinner. Make certain to attend.

B-Town Bound?

Emily "Lebron" James wants to get to Burlington this Saturday, but she's in need of a ride. Make plans on BreadNet or wait for a late-game surge when she single-handedly beats the Spurs and deigns to give an interview.

Bend It Like Mr. Posh Spice

"Hey Mickey, you're so fine; you're so fine, you blow my mind, hey Mickey" Lenzi sends word to the *Crumb* Office of Sport and Recreation that **a soccer game will break out Mondays and Wednesdays this summer, just around 7 pm, on the pitch below Tamarack**. As ecumenical as it comes, Bread Loaf FC features players of all skill levels who love the game and want a good time. It's always helpful if you wear a black or white shirt and bring the other color in order to make visually pleasing strobe effect for the spectators. Bread Loaf FC shirts have been ordered and will run you 15 ducats. Contact Mickey or just show tonight if you wanna play Neymar to his Messi. Any other Loafers out there want to sponsor the WimbleLoaf tennis tourney or the 142nd Annual Bocce-nalia?

The Time Is Wripe For Such A Thing As This

Here's news from those creative writing dynamos that will surely pique your interest. This summer will see the publication of the first BL literary journal, a collection of original writing by students at the Bread Loaf School of English. The journal will be compiled and edited by John Oliver and Simon Brown (Fifth-year students at the Vermont campus). The journal accepts submissions from all current Bread Loaf students at all campuses. **The submission window will begin today, July 1st and end at midnight on July 10th**. The hope is to complete publication before the end of the summer term. Students may submit a maximum of two pieces: poems, fiction, creative non-fiction, or critical essays. For further details, refer to Dana Olsen's BreadNet email sitting in your mailbox right now.

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Tuesday:

S.O.C. Meeting 7:30 pm

Yoga 7:30 pm

Wednesday:

All School Photo pre-lunch

Faculty Photo post-lunch

Directors' Reception 5 pm

Alumni Night 7:30 pm

Thursday:

Andover/BL Arrives

BLTN Meeting 7 pm

Pond Reading 9:30 pm

Menu

Lunch: cream of veggie soup;
philly cheese steak; open face
veggie melt

Dinner: mojo cod; medieval
lentil soup; saffron yogurt;
sautéed garlicky green beans
w/julienned red peppers

Weather

Tue: you know 79/68

Wed: drier 77/64

Thu: repeat 82/66

Celebrate Fellow Loafers At Alumni Night

Fantastic week for great readings, eh pal? You can continue to feed your head by attending **tomorrow's Alumni Night in Barn 1 at 7:30 pm**. There you'll hear but some of the manifold doings of Marcella Pexley ('99-'02) and Maria Fahey ('00), BL alums who've put their degrees to work in creative, thoughtful ways. Take a gander at Pexley's fiction (*Freak* and *Without Tess*) or Fahey's (*Metaphor and Shakespearean Drama*) Bardic scholarship when you hit up the Annex Bookstore. Bit of a lagniappe here: the books will be sold at 15% off for this, and every, special reading event.

Carrie OK?

's alright. She normally sounds that way when she sings. If you've got the pipes for it, or an unusually high tolerance for musical awkwardness, a crew plans to hit up **Two Brothers Tavern's Karaoke tonight around 9 pm**. Lindsay Coffta's leading the charge, primarily because she falls squarely in that first category. Contact her if you'd like to offer or grab a ride down the Mountain.

For Students In The First Year

From the Repetition is the Mother of Learning File, here's something for new Mountain residents: **All First-Years** ought to set up an introductory meeting with Emily or Django to take place this week or next. You'll meet in groups of 5-6 and can sign up with your friends. Get on the docket with Elaine Lathrop in the BL Main Office in back of the Inn. This event's a **Don't Miss**.

Peer Reading Plan Goes Off Like Clockwork

Sherry Brown and the Writing Center staff report an immediate uptick in conference appointments following yesterday's announcement. All to the good, dear readers. If the biro sits unused in your still rookers and your cursor just keeps blinking, remember you're not on your oddy-knocky when an essay's due. Stop by the Writing Center on Davison's top floor for a walk-in or to schedule at meeting. They likely won't suggest Ludovico's Treatment to get your first paper done, but you gotta get your head right somehow.

Quickies

One day remains until the Course Drop/Add Deadline.
The All School Photo will take place at the flagpole before Wed. lunch.

Essential Community Event

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Your Barn Door Is Open, Friend

Surely you don't wish to suffer any further faux pas. Thus, a quick request to keep in mind Quiet Hours take place each evening from 11 pm to 8 am, public spaces aren't great locales for a phone call or a Skype session, and—above all things—train an eye on the coffee in the Barn. If it's low, you're welcome, nay encouraged, to use the filters and bags of grounds to make more liquid love. Find the necessities in the cupboards and dump 3+ bags in when you make a gallon or more. Java fiends will thank you.

Mark It An Eight, Dude

Last summer's Bocce-ampions, Rich Braithwaite and Noam Osband, will organize and compete in this year's 47th Annual International Bocce Tournament. Anyone have a sweet stroke and the mental fortitude necessary to knock off the reigning Grand Poobahs? The Loaf hasn't had repeat champs since the Carter years. Here's the skinny: you need a lawn game colleague, a clever team sobriquet, and a fire in the belly. Send your info to Rich or Noam on BreadNet, or scribble your 411 and some trash talk on a slip and hand it to one of the guys with your Ivan Drago cold stare. All entrants must be registered by this weekend's close, as games begin Monday. Bocce's back!

Students Of Color Meeting

will take place tonight at 7:30 pm in the Blue Parlor.

You Know What They Call A Quarter Pounder With Cheese In France?

Ben Freedman (faculty progeny, waiter, occasional Bread Loaf FC 'baller) is looking for a French speaker to meet 2-3 times a week for conversation and some grammar instruction. His folks, Sara Blair and Jonathan Freedman, are happy to discuss payment with you. If interested, please leave a note for one of them at the Front Desk. Merci!

Winston Smith's Calisthenics

Thanks to Mickey, Noam, Rich, and Hannah, we've got soccer, bocce, and yoga covered, respectively (think I can get more commas in this, an admittedly lengthy, ostentatiously punctuated sentence, maybe?). What about hoopsters and racquet hounds? Contact the *Crumb's* Ministry of Fitness on BreadNet (use H Hincker) or leave a note in mailbox 2251. MiniFit: it's not just for parking in the Barn lot.

Missing This Dance Is Risky Business

Looking ahead to the weekend's soiree (because hey, you can't just toss together an ensem like it's nothing, right?), prep your closet and your moves for Sounds of the 80's. "Dominant" Gene Campbell will spin for the first couple of hours. Then, you'll hear current grooves from Lee "First Mate, Take the" Connally. Second hand stores down in Midd should have a few must-haves; I got my leg warmers and jelly bracelets at Neat Repeats, e.g.

You're Still Sitting On Your Kimye Sonnet Sequence?!

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Directors' Reception 5 pm

Alumni Night 7:30 pm

Yoga 7:30 pm

Thursday:

Andover/BL Arrives

Singing Group 5 pm

BLTN Meeting 7 pm

Ultimate 7-ish

Pond Reading 9:30 pm

Menu

Lunch: black bean soup;
pulled pork w/charred
tomatillo sauce; cornbread;
three bean quesadilla

Dinner: grilled marinated
strip loin; roasted shitakes;
veggie risotto; baked
eggplant; sautéed kale

Weather

Wed: feeling lucky? 82/68

Thu: clearing 84/66

Fri: but not really 81/66

Alumni Night Celebration

Marcella Pexley ('99-'02) and Maria Fahey ('00), have arrived back on campus and report the pale yellow paint and green shutters make them immediately wistful for languid summer days spent in study and reflection. But **tonight's reading at 7:30 pm in Barn 1** showcases Pexley and Fahey's work following their Bread Loaf experiences. Come over and learn from the assembled alumni a few of the intriguing uses to which one can put a Bread Loaf degree. Get up to date on Pexley's fiction (*Freak* and *Without Tess*) or Fahey's (*Metaphor and Shakespearean Drama*) Billy Shakes scholarship when you visit the Annex Bookstore. And know: the books will be sold at 15% off for this, and every, special reading event.

Bread Loaf's Got Drama

Not talking about the couple that made declarations of love to one another on the tennis courts near Davison Monday morning, nor about the "you were *not* wearing that ring the last time we hung out" conversation overheard in the Laundry. Instead, John Shuman's professional production of *Underneath the Lintel* by Glen Berger will provide all the tension and catharsis you need on a Mountain night. The one-man play is a character's journey to discover truth in the ancient myth of the Wandering Jew. It begins as a mysterious detective story and becomes a passionate exploration into the meaning and value of human existence. *Underneath the Lintel* premiered off-Broadway in 2001 and has been performed all over the world. Berger's play has been called one of the very important dramatic works of our time. You'll want to be in **Barn A between 7:30 and 8:30 pm this Friday** to judge.

You're Going To End Up Like Marty McFly's Siblings

Sure does seem quiet there in the Inn, doesn't it? That's because we're all across 125 having our picture taken with the rest of the school. Follow Ed Brown's voice and have your image captured for posterity, but hurry up: we're waiting for you. The All School Pic's scheduled for 12:20 pm. Faculty and Staff ought to linger after lunch to have their shots taken.

Server Not Responding

Turn Sarah and Lindsay's error message into a productive solution for all. That is, say you'll serve at the **Graduation Dinner in early**

August. Each summer a handful of Loafers stick around to enjoy the closing days with Seniors and friends. If you've thought to do so yourself and can carry food from one room and set it down in another, please contact Sarah Getchell or Lindsay Coffta on BreadNet or in the Dining Hall.

Wipe Away All Trivial Fond Records

I'm betting the table of your memory holds more than we know. Let's find out **tonight at 7 pm during Two Brothers Tavern's Trivia Night**. Last week scores of Language School students flooded the place and took home some prize money. Surely there's a Loavian response? Meet in the Lounge below the bar at the top of the hour to provide one.

Spider-man's Alter Ego

Since the Barn lot's pretty tight this summer, it's been tough finding wide open spaces (cue Dixie Chicks) to leave your ride. Did you know the lot behind Frothingham's available for parking? Simply follow the wooden signs up 125 and park across from Maple. This fix may work best for Birch, Cherry, or Annex residents, but it's certainly open to all. Spots behind the Barn, near the Milkhouse, or in front of Treman? Not so much. Thanks for being flexible and mobile.

Will You Walk Out Of The Air, My Lord?

Looking for a run that's easy on your joints or a hike that'll get your blood moving? The Rikert Nordic Trails on campus typically feature the niveous shooshing of cross-country skiers, but in the summer months you're welcome to use them for fitness and fun *a pie*. The trails are mown, but muddy. You'll need to wear good boots or shoes. Please use caution on the trails and make sure to let someone know you are going out hiking and/or take someone with you. Pack water, bugspray, and some binoculars. Maps of the trails are available at the Front Desk.

Our *Our Town* Rehearsals Are Your *Our Town* Rehearsals

This missive comes from Mary, Alan, and the actors creating the summer's dramatic production: **Rehearsals are open from 7 - 10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday**. Folks can check the callboard at the back of the Theatre (through the screen door, closest to the Inn) to see which scenes are being worked and when. It's great if people can come in quietly. If a seat isn't open, simply grab a folding chair from the stacks scattered around the Theatre. Super important corollary: please wait to leave until a scene ends or the actors break to speak with Alan. Welcome!

Bonus Coverage

The crack team of collegial readers in our Writing Center will offer additional hours **tonight between 8:30 and 10:30 pm** for all those students inspired to get writing after hearing Marcella Pexley and Maria Fahey speak at Alumni Night. Maybe your BL memoir, *The Rain It Raineth Every Day and Other Shakespearean Tales from Bread Loaf 2013*, does need another set of eyes?

The Mountain Held The Town As In A Shadow

The Frost Reading Group will scour *North of Boston* together **this Friday at 1:45 pm in the Blue Parlor**. Perhaps they're preparing for Saturday's

Frost Picnic

The entire school community—spouses, partners, kids, and students—is invited to a wonderful BL tradition, a summer cookout on the Robert Frost Farm. More information will follow, but for now plan to take your repast down 125 a ways and not in the Dining Hall Saturday evening.

Singing In The Rain

Lloyd Miller hopes to see any and all Loafers with a musical bone in their bodies (not me; mine's humerus) **Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5 pm in the Barn**. You'll sing and play music for an hour or so, mainly because it's fun. There's also the matter of performing for audiences just prior to *Our Town's* performances. Good times.

This Is It: Drop Or Add A Class By Day's End!

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Events

Thursday:

Andover/BL Arrives

Singing Group 5 pm

BLTN Meeting 7 pm

Ultimate 7-ish

Pond Reading 9:30 pm

Friday:

Ethics Workshop 10 am

Frost Rdg. Group 1:45 pm

Revision Workshop 2:30 pm

Movie 9 pm

Menu

Lunch: cream of broccoli soup; grilled chicken panzanella; grilled portabella panzie; salad

Dinner: roasted pork loin in maple chili glaze; butternut squash lasagna; mashed potato(e)s, Mr. Quayle

Weather

Thu: t'storms 86/72

Fri: t'storms 81/66

Sat: sturm und drang 84/63

Welcome, Andover Bread Loaf

Please greet members of the Andover Bread Loaf Writing Workshop when they visit Bread Loaf-Vermont July 4-5 to help celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Bread Loaf Teacher Network. Since 1987, more than 500 urban teachers from twenty-one cities and nine other countries have attended this outreach program of Phillips Academy and the Bread Loaf Teacher Network: many are BLSE alumni or current students. **On July 4 at 7 pm in the Barn**, Lou Bernieri, founder and director of ABL and former department chair at Phillips Academy, and others will speak about ABL highlights, including programs and events that feature young people as writers and advocates for equity and excellence. Mary Guerrero '04 will describe El Taller, a cafe/bookstore created as a cultural center and Bread Loaf space for Lawrence, MA youth that routinely draws about 200 high school and college students to its Thursday open mic nights. Chantal Kenol will announce a weeklong ABL/BLTN conference that will take place in Port-au-Prince in August 2013, expected to reach many Haitian teachers and students as well as Bread Loaf teachers. For more information visit:

www.middlebury.edu/blse/bltn
<http://blogs.middlebury.edu/bltnmag>
www.andover.edu/breadloaf
www.facebook.com/taller.bookstore

Come to the Barn tonight at 7 pm for this celebratory event.

One Hump Or Two?

Feeling a little Prufrock-ish after days of rain-induced incarceration? If those coffee spoons are mounting and you wish to tackle some serious exercise, to say nothing of getting off-campus and into the mountains, why not join Matt Fiorentino for a trip up Camel's Hump? The Hump's one of only four bald faced peaks in Vermont, providing intrepid hikers like you 360 degree views. Matt describes the hike as "intermediate plus" and imagines it'll give you the blood-pumping, dopamine-creating buzz you crave. **The group will leave at 10 am Saturday morning and will return by late afternoon.** Bag lunches will be provided. Please consider carpooling or riding in Matt's van. Sign up at the Front Desk.

Come See *Sleeper* Friday Night At 9 PM In The Barn

Driving Or Crying?

Emily "Bronte" James still harbors hope that she can make it up to Burlington this Saturday. A traveling companion of some renown, Emily has an encyclopedic memory for *Saved by the Bell* episodes and an above average singing voice. She'll regale you with either in exchange for a ride up Route 7. Contact her stat if you'd like to help.

Like Totally 80's

Lee Connally won the arm wrestling contest and thus, will DJ this Saturday's dance. Expect deep cuts from Genesis, Madge, and INXS. If Lee's got tuneage covered, you can provide the visuals. He'll offer up prizes for Best 80's costume—individual or group. Metal hair band? Magnum P.I.? Breakdancer? Flashdancer? What's it going to be then, eh?

Read Only File

Tonight's the Pond Reading and—hey now—what a doozy it is. The event is sponsored by Barn East, the color yellow, and the letter S. **Plan to arrive around 9:30 pm** amid the whistles and pops of holiday fireworks. As ever, you'll want your ID in a back pocket.

Friday Workshops

You've got a twofer tomorrow, gang. Jim Sabin will offer his **"Making Ethics Part of Teaching" at 10 am in Barn 2**. This one aligns with some of the focus on Character Education now prevalent in many schools around the country. John Fyler gives his informative and practical **"Revising Prose" workshop at 2:30 pm in Barn 1**. Both meetings will last two hours. Start your weekend with some good convo and a little professional development?

Association Football

The gaffer has spoken. Bread Loaf FC will play two nights a week, but they'll be **Wednesdays at 7 pm and Sundays at 4:30 pm**. Don't worry if your touch is a bit heavy. The group's open to all who want a good run and a bit of friendly soccer competition. Wear a white shirt and bring a dark one. Or wear your inky cloak, that customary suit of solemn black, and bring a white with. Either way, leave your mother-aunt issues at home, k?

I Wandered Lonely As A Cloud

John Shuman's production of *Underneath the Lintel* by Glen Berger will go up Friday evening for a one-night-only show. The play charts a character's journey to discover truth in the ancient myth of the Wandering Jew. It begins as a mysterious detective story and becomes a passionate exploration into the meaning and value of human existence. *Underneath the Lintel* premiered off-Broadway in 2001 and has been performed all over the world. Berger's play has been called one of the very important dramatic works of our time. See you in **Barn A between 7:30 and 8:30 pm tomorrow**.

Let All The World In Every Corner Sing

Lloyd Miller and the BL Singing Group will meet **today at 5 pm in the Barn**. He has this to say to all would-be, might-be songsters: "Please let me know this week if you'd like to join the group. We'll be singing in the production of *Our Town* as well as outside prior to the show. If you can't come tonight, send me an email at: thedeedledeedledees@yahoo.com." Sing on from the swamps, the recesses—pour your chant from the bushes; / Limitless out of the dusk, out of the cedars and pines.

Fourth of July

Stowe features an Old-Fashioned Village Festival between 1 and 3 pm today, then 7 Miles of Sales, followed by Food, Fun, Friends, and Fireworks at the Mayo Farm Events Field. The celebration, about an hour and change north on Route 100, is kid friendly; e.g., a Bouncy House, face painting, tasty treats. Event begins at 6 pm and fireworks go off at dusk. A bit closer to home, you could try Bristol's fireworks just after dark. A quick (20 minutes) ride up 116 to the crossroads ought to give you a great viewing spot just below the town. Burlington's Waterfront Park has the largest fireworks and largest crowds. And Brandon, VT—just south on Route 7—hosts a Street Dance tomorrow evening at 6 pm, then a parade/family fun at 1 pm Saturday, & fireworks at 6 pm Saturday.

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Events

Friday:

Frost Rdg. Group 1:45 pm

Revision Workshop 2:30 pm

Movie 9 pm

Saturday:

The Hump Hump 10 am

Frost Picnic 6 pm

80's Dance 9 pm

Sunday:

Soccer 4:30 pm

Blue Parlor 7 pm

Menu

Lunch: lentil soup; baked potato; chili; avocado n' tomato salad; veggie, rice, noodle salad

Dinner: Flo's chicken; penne pasta; ratatouille; green beans

Weather

Fri: drying out 84/66

Sat: same thing 84/64

Sun: Aristophanes? 82/63

The Man Of The Crowd

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Dromedary Dash

Tomorrow you just might honor that pledge you made to yourself to get more exercise this summer. Matt Fiorentino will lead a hike up Camel's Hump and you're invited. The Hump's one of only four bald faced peaks in Vermont, which means 360 degree views for fleet-footed hard chargers like our BL hikers. Know that the hike's rated "intermediate plus" and will work up a healthy sweat. Perfect for a weekend jaunt, yeah? **The group will leave at 10 am Saturday morning and will return by late afternoon.** Bag lunches will be provided. Please consider carpooling or riding in Matt's van. Sign up at the Front Desk.

Leave It To The Prose

Professor John Fyler enclosed this message expressly for *you*: "Every year I show my classes a thirty minute film, 'Revising Prose,' based on a book with the same title by Richard Lanham. I've found it an invaluable tool for revision, and for talking about revision with my undergraduate and graduate students at Tufts and here at Bread Loaf. A number of BL students over the years have agreed, and several have written me, sometimes years later, about how useful Lanham's 'paramedic method' has been for their own writing and teaching. Some buy the video and/or the book for use in their own schools. The workshop is intended to introduce 'Revising Prose' to a wider audience and to talk about the issues it raises, as well as about the writing process in general. **We'll meet in Barn 1 today (Friday) at 2:30 pm.**"

Major News

Martin Espada will visit Bread Loaf this Monday (!) and give a reading of his work. Hailed as one of the important poets of his generation,

Mr. Espada also teaches at UMass: Amherst and has acted in a feature film adapting the work of Howard Zinn. Look for Mr. Espada's books in the Annex Bookstore and plan to arrive at Monday's reading early. This one's a Very Big Deal.

Silver Screen Fridays

Unless we've started showing the collected work of Benjamin Heisenberg, who directed a 2005 film of the same name, **tonight's** *Sleeper* is the 1973 Woody Allen vehicle. It's a science fiction-y comedy set in a 22nd century America that also stars Diane Keaton. If you're a fan of the genre, you'll likely catch a number of the parodic references to sci-fi movies of yore. Come to see the film at 9 pm in the Barn.

I Love The 80's

Bleached Jordache jeans and blinding white hightops? Check. Sideways ponytail a la Punky Brewster? Got it. Lloyd Dobler's boom box is cranking out *Angel in the Centerfold* and you—magically—managed to score a Swatch downtown. Dude, you're totally ready for **tomorrow night's 80's Dance**. Music begins at 9 pm and DJ LCon plans to award prizes for Best Costumes in the middle of the throwdown. ID's and excitement necessary.

Waiting Afield At Dusk

Weather looks like it'll hold off and let us throw a shindig up on Bobby's Farm. **The Frost Picnic will officially kick off at 6 pm tomorrow evening**, but an early arrival may be in order. That's because Innkeeper Ed Brown, long an admirer and critic of the old man's work, will lead short tours of the Frost Farm starting at 5:30. **A shuttle will run from the Inn Porch beginning at 5 pm and leave every 15 minutes**. However, most of us will saunter down 125 and bang a right onto the gravel road that leads to house. There isn't much parking, so you'll probably do this under your own steam. All members of the community are invited and encouraged to relax, eat well, and lounge on a Green Mountain's summer night. Heads up: restroom facilities are *very* limited. Plan accordingly, ThirstMonster.

Weeklong Block Party

Each summer the town of Middlebury hosts The Festival On The Green. This year's rendition runs this Sunday through next Saturday and ends with a street dance to the tunes of the Vermont Jazz Orchestra. In between those dates, you'll find a wide selection of performers that promise to entertain—whether you're on the search for blues, kids' magicians, Quebecois folk music, or calypso. Sunday night's opening act is Lake Street Dive, a Brooklyn-based quartet who blend classic soul, R&B, jazz, and pop. See the lineup for each night here: <http://www.festivalonthegreen.org/performance-schedule/>

Silver Screen 2.0

Sure, you know that we show flicks in the Barn on Friday nights. But, have you heard about Middlebury's International Film Festival offered in conjunction with the Language Schools? Each week's a film in a new tongue. This week's Portuguese and the movie's *Capitães da Areia*. Here's the synopsis, drawn from the Festival's website: Salvador, Bahia, Brazil, alive with the charm of the 1950s. A gang of street kids known as "Capitães da Areia" (Captains of the Sands) are hunted like common criminals. As we draw closer, we see that they are just children, almost a hundred of them, completely abandoned, but they won't be children for long. By the end of this odyssey, many will have become men. Experience a year in the lives of these boys, in which they have incredible adventures, the most wonderful dreams, visit hell, discover sex, death, and freedom! The movie's based on Jorge Amado's novel of the same name and is directed by his granddaughter, Cecilia Amado. Hit up **Dana Auditorium in Sunderland Language Center on College Street (which is also 125 in town) at 7 pm tomorrow**.

Wait, Wait Don't Tell Me

Life's tough when you're always the smartest one in the room. I get it. Tuesday night will give you a chance to rub shoulders with other garbage-brains like yours. Gene "Yus" Campbell will MC the 2nd Annual Bread Loaf Trivia Night contest. There are surprises and challenges in store, fair reader. Only one member of last year's championship team has returned to the Mountain, so the field's wide open for new Trivial Titans to lord it over the benighted hordes. Teams of eggheads, know-it-alls, and wanna-be Will Huntings should form up now. It's on.

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Events

Monday:

Espada Reading 7:30 pm

Yoga 7:30 pm

Tuesday:

Singing Group 5 pm

Academy for Tchrs. 7 pm

Ultimate 7 pm

S.O.C. Meeting 7:30 pm

Yoga 7:30 pm

Trivia Night 9 pm

Wednesday:

McKibben Talk 7:30 pm

Soccer 7 pm

Menu

Lunch: navy bean soup; hot oven sub; veggie hot sub

Dinner: chicken gumbo; collared greens; hush puppies; veggie bean cassoulet; dirty rice

Weather

Mon: same old 79/63

Tue: humid/rain 81/64

Wed: crikey, more? 84/66

Martín Espada Reads Tonight

Bread Loaf is proud to welcome Martín Espada to campus today. Beyond the critical acclaim for and widespread popularity of his poetry, Mr. Espada has worked for many years on issues of social justice and political activism. A bit o' background, drawn from Mr. Espada's website: "He has published more than fifteen books as a poet, editor, essayist and translator. His latest collection of poems, *The Trouble Ball* (Norton, 2011), is the recipient of the Milt Kessler Award, a Massachusetts Book Award and an International Latino Book Award. *The Republic of Poetry* (Norton, 2006) received the Paterson Award for Sustained Literary Achievement and was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize. His book of essays, *Zapata's Disciple* (South End Press, 1998), has been banned in Tucson as part of the Mexican-American Studies Program outlawed by the state of Arizona. A graduate of Northeastern University Law School and a former tenant lawyer, Mr. Espada is currently a professor in the Department of English at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst."

Mr. Espada will read at 7:30 pm in the Barn tonight, then a reception and book signing will follow in Treman Cottage. All are welcome.

Please pick up one of the five Espada poetry collections for our guest to sign. Remember, the Annex Bookstore offers 15% off all featured guest works. Copies of *Republic of Poetry* and *Imagine the Angels of Bread* are also available in Davison Library, but they don't make good choices to bring to the book signing, natch.

There Is No Darkness But Ignorance

Feste asked for this week's highlight calendar on your account.

Monday: Martín Espada reading at 7:30 with book signing and reception to follow; Yoga at 7:30

Tuesday: Singing Group at 5; Academy for Teachers at 7; Ultimate at 7; Students of Color meeting at 7:30; Yoga at 7:30; Trivia Night at 9

Wednesday: Bill McKibben talk at 7:30; Soccer at 7; Yoga at 7:30

Thursday: Singing Group at 5; BLTN meeting at 7; Yoga at 7:30; Pond Reading at 9:30

Friday: Luftig Workshop on Joyce at 10; All School Picnic at 6; Fried/Rosenthal performance at 7:30; *Friday the 13th* at 9

Saturday: Mountain Excursion at 10; Contra dance at 9

You Know You Like It, Trebek

One day left to plow through encyclopedia volumes X-Z to prepare for **tomorrow's Trivia Night competition at 9 pm in the Barn**. Gene "I love me some Sylvia" Campbell "Jar" has created an event that'll entertain, edify, and distract you from that reading response on *Heart of Darkness*. Vital info: teams of four, no techno-aids, prizes will be awarded, refreshments provided. Special Mystery Guests and the Box of Broken Dreams return to excite.

Yeats Update

Check the weekly hours our Writing Center will hold and then make an appointment to discuss your latest opus.

Monday: 8:00 – 10am, 2:00 – 5:00pm

Tuesday: 9:45am – 12:45pm, 1:00–5:00pm

Wednesday: 11:00am –1:00pm, 2:00 – 6:00pm

Thursday: 9:45am – 12:00 noon, 1:00 – 3:00pm

Closed Friday and Saturday

Sunday: 8:00 – 10:00am, 11:00am – 1:00pm, 3:30 – 5:30pm

Command Performance

Those first-years who have yet to meet with Emily or Django should plan to do so **by week's end**. Feel free to sign up in groups to discuss your initial impressions of and academic plans for Bread Loaf summers. Main Office in back of the Inn's the spot to get squared away.

Don't Bocc This One Up

Rich and Noam have extended the Bocce Tourney sign-ups by one day. Scribble your players' names and clever team moniker on the sheet outside the Dining Hall or BreadNet either fella (Braithwaite and Osband, respectively). Brackets will be posted tomorrow (the Loaf's version of Selection Sunday) and matches can begin immediately.

Dude, Where's My Car?

Such mellifluous language just may fall from lips if you persist in parking there. Ever had your auto booted? You know in front of Treman Cottage, behind the Barn where Facilities employees work and park, or right on 125 in front of the Inn? Those places are *verboten* since staff members come and go so frequently. **You're welcome to follow the big white signboards up to the huge field next to Frothingham and park there.** Yeah, it's tight quarters in the Barn lot, but let's not make someone else's job harder because we'd rather not walk an extra few hundred feet, agreed?

Having A Senior Moment?

Perhaps, in all the hubbub of the first couple of weeks, you've simply forgotten about this one. Fifth-years are urged to submit regalia information to Calista Kelly ASAP.

I Want Bread Loaf Totes N' Tees

The Contest has concluded and you can see the winning 2013 BL T-Shirt Design on the board near the Dining Hall. There you'll also find samples of the two shirt colors and a graphic of our tote bags, a new offering to Loafers this year. Please include your cash or check (payable to Middlebury College) with your order. Prices are as follows: S-XL shirts run you \$12, XXL or larger \$14, and totes are only \$5! Here's a handy-dandy form that you can fill out, tear off, and drop for Calista Kelly at the Front Desk. Saves you all that strenuous typing and email-sending over BreadNet. Bam. I just bought you an extra read through of that essay on Goethe. You're welcome, young Werther.

Shirt Quantity _____ Size _____ (Men, Women, Youth: S-XXXL) Color _____ (sunshine, mint)

Tote Quantity _____

Name _____

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Tuesday:

Singing Group	5 pm
Academy for Tchrs.	7 pm
Ultimate	7 pm
S.O.C. Meeting	7:30 pm
Yoga	7:30 pm
Trivia Night	9 pm

Wednesday:

Soccer	7 pm
McKibben Talk	7:30 pm

Menu

Lunch: tomato soup; ham
mac & cheese; broccoli mac
& cheese; kale n' mushrooms

Dinner: crispy parmesan cod
in arrabiatta sauce over pesto
linguine; crispy polenta with
chard in gorgonzola cream
sauce; white bean sauté

Weather

Tue: steamer	86/68
Wed: storm-ish	79/70
Thu: yep, rainy	86/57

The God Of Small Things

Papers, presentations, and projects pile up this week and next, no? Why not take a study break **tonight at 9 pm in the Barn and compete in Bread Loaf's Trivia Night?** After pondering just what immortal hand or eye could frame...& etc., come let the generalist in you loose. And your folks said that liberal arts degree wouldn't get you anywhere. Come win prizes, earn acclaim, and have a laugh. "The Prime of Miss" Gene "Brodie" Campbell "Canto" has worked tirelessly to offer up an event of uncommon flare and prodigious scholarship. To Do: find three teammates, get smaht, bring something that writes. Refreshments and Celebrity Readers come gratis.

Poetry Like Bread

The Robert Haiduke Poetry Contest was established many years ago as an opportunity for Bread Loaf students to obtain recognition for their original poetry. It is a multi-campus competition with **one deadline for submission: Thursday, July 18, 2013.** To enter submit one or two poems (maximum 40 lines each) by e-mail to Karen Browne on BreadNet. The winner(s) will receive a substantial cash prize and the winning poems will be published and distributed at all Bread Loaf campuses and published on the Bread Loaf website. **Please note that by entering the contest you give permission for your writing to be printed and distributed.**

Pro D

Come to Barn 1 at 7 pm tonight and learn about The Academy for Teachers, a non-profit modeled on Bread Loaf and founded by faculty member Sam Swope. The Academy was created to honor and support teachers as passionate intellectuals. The program conducts one-off seminars led by brilliant, inspiring academics and writers—a kind of one-day Bread Loaf during the school year. Sam could use some of the Mountain's formidable brain power to help The Academy create the best professional development for teachers in the world. Touch base with Shane Cappuccio, Joy Hurd, or Holly Spinelli for testimonials. Tonight's an information and brainstorming session, one which NYC teachers may find especially useful. All welcome.

New And Improved Community Resource

Sandy LeGault has updated the "Fun, Food, and Frivolity...in Vermont" document. Find metric *tons* of things to do in the area by going to the Bread Loaf homepage, click on Campus, Courses, Faculty,

then choose Vermont, and finally find the link to "F, F, and F" on the Summer Information page. Don't overlook this hugely informative Manual for the Production of Good Times.

The Good Eaarth

Professor, environmentalist, activist, and author, **Bill McKibben** will speak tomorrow night at 7:30 pm in the **Barn**. Last year, Mr. McKibben spoke to BL about *Wandering Home*, his account of hiking from Ripton to his home in the Adirondacks. Wednesday's talk lies closer to the issues that have driven his writing and political activism for much of the last thirty years. Come to hear the gentleman whom the Boston Globe called "probably the country's most important environmentalist" share his current thoughts on climate change, the Keystone XL pipeline, and the tactics we all can adopt to live a greener lifestyle. You may purchase many of Mr. McKibben's books—including *Eaarth: Making A Life on a Tough New Planet*—in the Annex Bookstore at 15% off. But go quickly; the **Bookstore** closes at 2 pm tomorrow! Davison also has many of his books. Sign up on the sheet outside the Dining Hall to share dinner with Mr. McKibben tomorrow evening and/or attend the reception in Treman following his talk.

PSA

A few items from the *Crumb's* Office of Staying Alive (cue Bee Gees) need your attention. 1 Please use extreme care near streams, brooks, and rivers after all this rain. 2 Runners and walkers on Route 125 should move *against* traffic. 3 Cottage front doors ought to remain closed at all times to reduce the chance of a smoke alarm going off or the possibility of a varmint visit.

Come See How BLTN Can Affect Your Classroom And Your Teaching

Here's what's on tap for **Thursday's 7 pm Bread Loaf Teachers Network meeting to which everyone is invited**: The Argumentative Writing Project: AP classes in Ohio; Master Class with Gloria Steinem at Sam Swope's Academy for Teachers in NYC; Reading and writing buddies in Chicago; Digital Book Trailer for Julia Alvarez's *Return to Sender*; High School writers, poets, technology interns and more in Durham, NC. Flash presentations of what Bread Loaf teachers and their students are doing as members of a network that has Bread Loaf courses and connected teaching and learning at its center.

The Naked And The Deadline

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Swingers

Now that I've got your attention, check out this message from Lauren Bahedry. "I am trying to get a group of people together to go swing dancing in Burlington this Saturday. The Vermont Swings organization offers a dance lesson at 8 pm, then a full dance begins at 8:30 pm. You don't need a partner since this is a social dance. Check this website, www.vermontswings.com/Index.aspx, or email Lauren on BreadNet for more information." So money.

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Tote Quantity _____

Name _____

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Events

Wednesday:

Soccer	7 pm
McKibben Talk	7:30 pm
Yoga	7:30 pm
Calvino Rdgs.	9 pm

Thursday:

Singing Group	5 pm
BL Tchrs. Mtg.	7 pm
Yoga	7:30 pm
Pond Reading	9:30 pm

Menu

Lunch: corn chowdah; crab cakes; veggie quiche; tomato mozzarella salad

Dinner: shaved eye round roast; curry n' veggie ragout; boursin mashed potatoes; balsamic tossed beets

Weather

Wed: damp	79/64
Thu: a reprieve?	79/55
Fri: cloudy	77/52

Environmentalism Bill McKibben To Speak Tonight

Bill McKibben returns to Bread Loaf this evening when he'll give a talk right from his wheelhouse. Called "the planet's best green journalist" by Time Magazine, Mr. McKibben has, for decades, been part of the vanguard of environmental activists. His *End of Nature* brought climate change into popular consciousness in 1989. Since that time, McKibben has published dozens of articles and books, to say nothing of giving talks like tonight's, devoted to addressing the imminent dangers of man-made climate concerns. **Do not miss tonight's talk in the Barn at 7:30 pm.** This is a unique opportunity to speak with an expert and leader about a matter that affects all 7.1B of us. You may purchase many of Mr. McKibben's books—including *Eaarth: Making A Life on a Tough New Planet*—in the Annex Bookstore at 15% off. But go quickly; the Bookstore closes at 2 pm today. Davison Library also has many of his books.

Sign up on the sheet outside the Dining Hall to share dinner with Mr. McKibben tonight and/or attend the reception in Treman Cottage following his talk.

Hidden Stradivarius?

Any and all violinists are urged to contact Mary Spence about the Theatre's search for a musician to play during *Our Town*. You'd need to be available a few nights a week and all five nights of the performance (7/31—8/4). Please contact Mary over BreadNet, stop by a rehearsal between 7 and 10 pm, or check the callboard in the Theatre to find other rehearsal times.

Connected Teaching and Learning: Thursday, 7/11, Barn 1, 7 PM

Noam and Bourdieu in Peggy Turner's Saltillo, Mississippi, high school classroom; the Argumentative Writing Project: AP classes in Ohio; Master Class with Gloria Steinem at Sam Swope's Academy for Teachers in NYC; Reading and writing buddies in Chicago; Digital Book Trailer for Julia Alvarez's *Return to Sender*; High School writers, poets, technology interns and more in Durham, NC. Flash presentations of what Bread Loaf teachers and their students are doing as members of a network that has Bread Loaf courses and connected teaching and learning at its center. All are welcome.

Tinywords=BigFollowing

Issue #13.2 of this online literary journal dropped Monday. You'll

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likely wish to become one of the 4,000+ subscribers to this collection of micropoetry after you read a few selections. The URL is: www.tinywords.org. Talk up Peter Newton at the Front Desk for more information on Tinywords.

If On A Summer's Night A Loafer

Students in Michael Armstrong's *Fantastic and Marvelous* class will read select Italian folk tales from Italo Calvino's oeuvre **tonight in the Barn at 9 pm**. Many of these tales work best as performances and, thus, need an audience. They'd love to see you. You'd love to hear the tales. Win-win.

Some Are Born Great, Some Achieve Greatness, & Some Submit Their Writing To The BL Journal

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A Time To Talk

Noam and his merry band of Frosty folk would like to invite you **sit with them this Friday at 1:45 pm in the Blue Parlor** when they will discuss Robert Frost's *Mountain Interval*. Take that less-traveled road, compadre.

What Are You Waiting For?

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Miss Quentin's Boyfriend In *TSATF*

Attention all private, boarding, and independent school teachers: representatives from Carney, Sandoe, & Associates will be on campus **next Tuesday, 7/16**, to interview would-be candidates for their teacher placement services. Read: they can help you get a job. If possible, bring an updated resumé with you. **Sign up for a half-hour slot in the Main Office**. You may also use the time to simply begin exploring your options with experts in this field.

Euterpe's Plea

Lloyd Miller and the BL Singing Group are searching high and low for a few more songsters to make up their numbers this session. Consider joining them Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 5pm in the Barn, then prep yourself for an important role in making *Our Town* happen at summer's end. Info: thedeedledeedledees@yahoo.com

I Want Bread Loaf Totes N' Tees

The Contest has concluded and you can see the winning 2013 BL T-Shirt Design on the board near the Dining Hall. There you'll also find samples of the two shirt colors and a graphic of our tote bags, a new offering to Loafers this year. Please include your cash or check (payable to Middlebury College) with your order. Prices are as follows: S-XL shirts run you \$12, XXL or larger \$14, and totes are only \$5! Here's a handy-dandy form that you can fill out, tear off, and drop for Calista Kelly at the Front Desk. Saves you all that strenuous typing and email-sending over BreadNet.

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Events

Thursday:

Singing Group	5 pm
BL Tchrs. Mtg.	7 pm
Yoga	7:30 pm
Pond Reading	9:30 pm

Friday:

Luftig on Joyce	10 am
Frost Rdg. Group	1:45 pm
All School Picnic	6 pm
Alvin Project	7:30 pm
Friday the 13 th	9 pm

Menu

Lunch: French onion soup; roast beef grinders; herbed hummus wrap; potato salad

Dinner: fried chicken; risotto cakes with apricot sauce; steamed broccoli; mashed taters

Weather

Thu: clouds, but no...	79/59
Fri: repeat above	79/57
Sat: comfortable	81/61

Connected Teaching and Learning: Tonight, 7/11, Barn 1, 7 PM

Noam and Bourdieu in Peggy Turner's Saltillo, Mississippi, high school classroom; the Argumentative Writing Project: AP classes in Ohio; Master Class with Gloria Steinem at Sam Swope's Academy for Teachers in NYC; Reading and writing buddies in Chicago; Digital Book Trailer for Julia Alvarez's *Return to Sender*; High School writers, poets, technology interns and more in Durham, NC. Flash presentations of what Bread Loaf teachers and their students are doing as members of a network that has Bread Loaf courses and connected teaching and learning at its center. **All are welcome.**

I Can No Other Answer Make, But Thanks, And Thanks

Warm and extended thanks goes to Gene Campbell, Christian Clark, Ed Brown, Kalli Federhofer, and Emily Gooch, who made Tuesday's Trivia Night a rousing success. Second year in a row = longtime Bread Loaf tradition. It's a labor of love to produce a two-hour program (even if they did enlist flying nocturnal creatures to help entertain the crowd). For all your effort and ingenuity, and for the continued largesse that the Box of Broken Dreams provides, please have our gratitude. Best Literary Band Team Name: Rihanna Karenina. And the 2013 Trivia Night Champions: zz cummings! Well played, Connor Maguire, Kevin Higgins, Joy Hurd, and Jackie Wagner.

John's Pond Welcomes A Mystery Reader Of Passion And Might

You've made it through a true Bread Loaf week, one packed with First Official Assignments, readings and lectures from Major Guests, and two optimism-producing convos with that cutie in Global Modernism. Doff o' the hat, busy bee. Now, take a load off, Annie, and welcome the weekend with a little fireside soiree. Tamarack Cottage hosts **tonight's Pond Reading at 9:30 pm**. You remember the drill: ID in back pocket if you'd like a libation, bugspray, and amphibious footwear will make your evening mo' betta.

The Heaventree Of Stars Hung With Humid Nightblue Fruit

Victor Luftig will offer a two-hour **workshop tomorrow morning at 10 am in Barn 1** for all those readers new to James Joyce's *Ulysses*. He'll likely reference *Finnegans Wake* and *Dubliners* to boot. No prior Joyce reading experience is necessary, as the workshop simply seeks to help you get the lay of the land. Don't sweat the other essay that needs writing this weekend, instead "hold to the now, the here, through which all future plunges into the past."

Another Notch In Your Belt

The *Crumb's* Department of Aerobic Respiration and Alpine Views recently received this message from Matt Fiorentino regarding **Saturday's Excursion**. "Classified as a short, moderated day hike by the Green Mountain Club, the Nebraska Notch: Lake Mansfield Trail goes from the Lake Mansfield Trout Club Lodge up through the Notch, where it meets the Long Trail at Taylor Lodge. At the trailhead, you'll find a beautiful view of a large glacial cirque (your garden variety 'scopped-out valley' common to the northern reaches of the continent). This is a great family hike with good views along the trail, beaver dams, and a waterfall. **Distance: 3.1 miles. Hike time: 2.5 hours. Leave: 9 am. Return: 4 pm.** Necessaries: heavy-soled shoes, rain jacket, water bottle, cash for a trip to Ben & Jerry's." I didn't mention Ben & Jerry's Factory just twenty minutes from the trailhead? Boooh-nus.

Alvin Project Drops Tomorrow

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Please Allow Me To Introduce Myself; I'm A Man Of Wealth And Fame

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Friday Fiesta

Dinner tomorrow night's an All School Picnic at 6 pm. All members of the extended BL community are invited to attend. Do you like scary movies, Sydney? Stick around for *Friday the 13th*, introduced by Tyler Curtain and part of his Horror course. **Screening begins at 9 pm in the Barn.**

If The River Was Whiskey

Apropos of Bill McKibben's comments last night and the HUGE rainfall we've experienced, please use extraordinary care around natural waterways. The danger of swollen streams, brooks, and rivers has, tragically, already claimed lives in our area. So when you take TC Boyle's aforementioned short story collection down to the creek, forego the swim and stay safe, gang. Avoid the *agua* for the next few days.

Meet N' Greet

First years: please make every effort to schedule that meeting with Emily Bartels **this week.**

Gear Up

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Frost Rdg. Group 1:45 pm

All School Picnic 6 pm

Alvin Project 7:30 pm

Friday the 13th 9 pm

Saturday:

Lk. Mansfield Hike 9 am

Habemus Papam 7 pm

Swing Dancing 8 pm

Contra Dance 9 pm

Sunday:

Soccer 4:30 pm

Blue Parlor 7 pm

Menu

Lunch: clam chowder;
Mexican pizza; Cuban pork
sandwich; slaw

Dinner: picnic fare

Weather

Fri: don't blink 77/57

Sat: more clouds 79/57

Sun: no rain 81/62

Unique Show Is Rare Opportunity For Inside Scoop

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Mariska Hargitay's Favorite Hike

Matt Fiorentino will lead tomorrow's jaunt to the area around Stowe. Here are the salient details. "Classified as a short, moderated day hike by the Green Mountain Club, the Nebraska Notch: Lake Mansfield Trail goes from the Lake Mansfield Trout Club Lodge up through the Notch, where it meets the Long Trail at Taylor Lodge. At the trailhead, you'll find a beautiful view of a large glacial cirque (your garden variety 'scooped-out valley' common to the northern reaches of the continent). This is a great family hike with good views along the trail, beaver dams, and a waterfall. **Distance: 3.1 miles. Hike time: 2.5 hours. Leave: 9 am. Return: 4 pm.** Necessaries: heavy-soled shoes, rain jacket, water bottle, cash for a trip to Ben & Jerry's." That's right. Cherry Garcia for all. I scream, you scream, we all scream for...

Blue Ivy

Hova and Beyonce haven't returned calls from *Crumb* HQ, so there's no certainty they'll attend **this Sunday's Blue Parlor at 7 pm**. But you can. "Rhymin" Simon Brown and "The Gospel According to" John Oliver continue to discover and promote fantastic BL creative writing. The Blue Parlor scene is unassuming, cooperative, and celebratory. Even if you're not planning to read this weekend, why not do something new and go see Bread Loaf from a different angle?

Summer Reading Series Continues Monday Evening

Our very own Rae Paris and Ruth Forman will read some of their work at the head of next week. **Monday night at 7:30 pm in the Barn**, you'll be treated to thought-provoking, entertaining fiction and poetry. Be certain to pick up copies of each author's

books at 15% off in the Annex Bookstore. All are invited to a reception in Treman Cottage following the reading.

You Might Want To Include An Argument Among These Generalizations And Observations

Got a date with that comfy library chair this weekend? Keep cranking on that essay draft before you head to your appointment with a helpful reader in the Writing Center. Passing through the office on Davison's second floor *might* mean you find someone to read, but why not schedule a formal conference? Sunday hours are: 8-10 am, 11 am-1 pm, 2:30-4:30 pm, and 8-10 pm.

Screen Idols

So, Jason Voorhees *really* hates summer camp (ever notice Lake Pleiad looks similar to Crystal Lake? You're welcome). Come find out why—and hear Professor Tyler Curtain, this summer's Robert Frost Chair in Literature, explain some of the conventions of the horror genre—when you attend **tonight's screening of *Friday the 13th* at 9 pm in the Barn**. Since the flick's been around for 30+ years, I don't need to tell you to keep the kids home for this one. But I just did.

The other film that may catch your attention is *Habemus Papam (We have a Pope)*, directed by Nanni Moretti. It's the next installment in the Language Schools' International Film Festival. Quick synopsis drawn from the IFF website: "At the Vatican, following the demise of the Pope, the conclave to elect his successor settles on Cardinal Melville. But the faithful gathered in St Peter's Square wait in vain for the new Pope to step out on the balcony. What is going on? Behind the thick walls of the Vatican panic has set in. After uttering a terrible howl of fear, the Cardinal refuses the office. The officials try everything to reason with Melville, including a psychoanalyst appointed by the Vatican. Do we really have a Pope?" Head to **Dana Auditorium in Sunderland Language Center on College Street (which is also 125 in town) at 7 pm tomorrow**.

Elwood, We're Getting The Band Back Together

Professor Will Nash and his band, The Doughboys, are throwing a party and you're invited. Lincoln Peak Winery, up Route 7 and just north of Midd, will host this Rain-or-Shine event at **6 pm this Monday**. Feel free to bring a picnic and know, too, that you can purchase a beverage from the bar. The Doughboys play rock, soul covers, and a smattering of their own stuff. Not a bad way to get ready for that Faculty Reading at 7:30 pm, right?

24 Hours Of Le Mans Meets Henry Wriothesley

Noam and his Osband of merry thieves have cooked up another event. You can join in this celebration of the Bard's sonnetizing **Wednesday, 7/24, at 7:15 pm in Barn 1**. There the group will attempt a continuous reading of all 154 of Shakespeare's sonnets. Sign up for your favorite 14 lines on the sheet outside the Dining Hall and help make the Guinness Record push a reality.

I'm A Dance, Dance, Dance, Dance, Dancing Machine

Saturday's a full **Contra Dance with the Quinn family at 9 pm in the Barn**. Chris de la Cruz will spin thereafter. Wanna swing? Lauren Bahedry et. al. will do so at the **Champlain Club in B'ton at 8 pm**. BreadNet her to get in.

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Monday:

Forman/Paris Rdg. 7:30 pm

Yoga 7:30 pm

Tuesday:

Singing Group 5 pm

Ultimate 7 pm

Watkins Talk 7:30 pm

Yoga 7:30 pm

Wednesday:

Soccer 7 pm

Yoga 7:30 pm

Menu

Lunch: potato kale soup;
wings; veggie lo mein

Dinner: chicken marsala;
wild mushroom crepes;
roasted veggies; orzo pilaf

Weather

Mon: summery 86/63

Tue: still dry 84/62

Wed: a heater 88/68

Call x2710 after 11 pm in
event of fire alarm

Midsummer's Eve: Poetry And Fiction Double

Bread Loaf's summer reading series will entertain and satisfy again this evening. **Come to the Barn at 7:30 pm to hear Rae Paris and Ruth Forman read from their work.** You'd be well served to pick up copies of their books down in the Annex Bookstore. You know you get 15% off those collections, right? Failing that, try Davison Library. Please **join us in Treman Cottage following the reading for a reception.**

Rae Paris is Assistant Professor of Creative Writing at Michigan State University. Her fiction has appeared in *Indiana Review*, *Hunger Mountain*, *XConnect*, *580 Split*, and elsewhere. She is a recipient of a 2010 NEA Literature Fellowship, writing residencies from Hedgebrook, Voices of Our Nation Arts Foundation (VONA), and Norcroft. She recently completed a young adult novel titled *You*, excerpts of which were finalists for the Summer Literary Seminars and the Santa Fe Writers Project Literary Awards.

Ruth Forman is the author of three award-winning books: poetry collections *We Are the Young Magicians* (Beacon, 1993) and *Renaissance*, (Beacon, 1997) and a children's book, *Young Cornrows Callin Out the Moon* (Children's Book Press, 2007). She is the recipient of the Barnard New Women Poets Prize, The Pen Oakland Josephine Miles Literary Award, The Durfee Artist Fellowship, the National Council of Teachers of English Notable Book Award, and recognition by The American Library Association. Ms. Forman is a former teacher of creative writing with the University of Southern California and June Jordan's Poetry for the People program at UC Berkeley and an eleven-year faculty member with the VONA-Voices writing program.

What's Shakin'?

Monday: Paris/Forman reading at 7:30; Yoga at 7:30

Tuesday: Carney, Sandoe all day; Singing Group at 5; Ultimate at 7; Watkins talk at 7:30; Yoga at 7:30

Wednesday: Soccer at 7; Teaching Across the Arts Roundtable at 7:30 pm; Yoga at 7:30

Thursday: BLTN meeting at 7; Pond reading at 9:30

Friday: Workshops at 10; All School Picnic at 6; *Hotel Transylvania* at 7; *Broken Embraces* at 9

Saturday: Hike at 9 am; Dance at 9 pm

Heads Up

The Students of Color group will *not* meet tomorrow evening.

We Few, We Happy Few, We...

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Craig Watkins To Speak About Connected Learning Tuesday Night

Please welcome Craig Watkins, from the University of Texas-Austin, to Bread Loaf July 15-17. He teaches in the departments of Radio-Television-Film, Sociology, and the Center for African and African American Studies. Craig is also a Faculty Fellow for the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement and a Global Fellow for the IC2 at the University of Texas at Austin. A senior member of the MacArthur Foundation's research network on Connected Learning, he will speak tomorrow, Tuesday, at 7:30 pm in Barn 1 about students who are able to connect their out-of-school or informal learning with school learning. See also: theyoungandthedigital.com

'Ware The Ides Of July

You've got just three days remaining to spruce up those sestinas on native Vermont flowering shrubbery. The Robert Haiduke Poetry Contest was established many years ago as an opportunity for Bread Loaf students to obtain recognition for their original poetry. It is a multi-campus competition with **one deadline for submission: this Thursday, July 18, 2013**. To enter submit one or two poems (maximum 40 lines each) by e-mail to Karen Browne on BreadNet. The winner(s) will receive a substantial cash prize and the winning poems will be published and distributed at all Bread Loaf campuses and published on the Bread Loaf website. **Please note that by entering the contest you give permission for your writing to be printed and distributed.**

I Got My Working Man's PhD

Got your resumé in fighting trim? Interview duds all laundered and pressed? Sounds like everything's set for **tomorrow's visit from the Carney, Sandoe, and Associates rep.** The company specializes in independent, private, and boarding school teacher placement. If you're surveying your professional options or if you're actively searching for a position, sign up for one of the few unclaimed half-hour interview slots near the Main Office.

Shir We've Got Extra

Calista Kelly writes with updated info regarding your BL t-shirts. To wit, she's now accepting orders for the Waitlist. These shirts will be available on a first come, first served basis and will be available until they've melted into air, into thin air. Please also congratulate Catherine Watson, designer of the slightly modified 2013 BL T!

Bocce-sburger In Paradise

International Bocce Tournament Grand Poo-Bahs Noam and Rich are largely happy with the first weekend's matches. Many of you have used the warmer, drier clime to play your first round tilts. All to the good, huckers and rollers. Initial round winners include: Bocce Freude; So You Think You Can Bocce, Bocce In The Time Of Cholera, Belles of the Balls, and Notorious B.O.C.C.E. Contact your opponents pronto to set up your next outing. We've got just a few weeks to crown the 2013 champs.

All Write, All Write

Little known fact: Matthew McConaughey's a huge Writing Center proponent. Catch up with a WC Reader this week during one of the periods listed below and keep on living, dude.

Monday: 8-10 am, 2-5 pm

Tuesday: 9:45 am-12:45 pm, 1:30-5 pm

Wednesday: 9 am-1 pm, 4-6 pm

Thursday: 9:45 am-12 noon, 1-3 pm

Closed Friday and Saturday

Sunday: 8-10 am, 11 am-1 pm, 3:30-5:30 pm, 8-10 pm

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Karaoke 10 pm

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Soccer 7 pm

Tch/Arts Rndtble 7:30 pm

Yoga 7:30 pm

Thursday:

BLTN Mtg. 7 pm

Pond Rdg. 9:30 pm

Menu

Lunch: gazpacho; NY style reuben; warm apple, brie, mushroom, spinach salad wrap

Dinner: sweet n' sour pork OR tofu; fried rice; veggies

Weather

Tue: lil' cooler 84/64

Wed: got AC? 90/64

Thu: thunder 84/66

"Write," Said Fred

Sherry Brown and the Writing Center staff have amended their hours in an effort to promote more discussion and prose feedback. Sounds like an appointment's in order now that you've got that *in our time* short paper due. Hash out the significance of those interstitial vignettes and get writing, papa. *Don't* pull a Hadley train station maneuver; back up your work.

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Theatre Of Dreams

Paging all hidden violinists and keyboard ticklers. Mary, Alan, and the crew creating *Our Town* would love for you to help make the summer's production a success. They need a pianist/organist and one intrepid soul to play violin during performance week. Please BreadNet Mary Spence or simply stop by the Theatre. Also, recall that all evening rehearsals for the play are open to the BL community. Tickets for the show will be available tomorrow! Fired up, ready to go.

Marooned In The Land Of Lotus-Eaters?

A handful of texts sit unclaimed in the Annex Bookstore, orphans of our changing whims. If you ordered a book and have yet to pick it up, head down forthwith.

By The Waters Of Leman I Sat Down And Wept

Sun's hot, breeze is dead, sweat's dripping down your nose. Time for a dip. Have you scooted down to Middlebury Gorge? Over to our own streamlet behind the meadow facing the Inn? You might try John's Pond back of the Barn. Some folks go for Texas Falls (though swimming may not be an option there). Branbury State Park in Brandon gives you the waters of Lake Dunmore for a playground. And, although it's a practice decidedly frowned on by locals, if you've got a favorite swimming hole you'd like to share, BreadNet the *Crumb's* Office of Aquatic Recreation and we'll keep it between you and me and the 270 of us on campus. No Fire Sermons just yet, thanks.

Speaker Cancellation

Craig Watkins will **not** be on campus tonight as previously advertised. Keep checking this space for new opportunities to hear about Connected Learning. Perhaps the 7 pm BLTN meeting on Thursday would be a good time to link up with like-minded teachers who've innovated in their classrooms like you have?

Don't Be Alarmed

Safety reminder, Smokey. Only you can prevent fires by keeping all flammables outside dorms and off dorm porches. In the event of a tripped fire alarm, please contact the Front Desk first thing. If it's after 11 pm, please call x2710 or 802.443.2710 to let Ed and Victoria know there's an issue.

All Quiet On The Western Front

Since we're on the subject of jarring aural experiences: please be respectful of your studious colleagues reading and writing when you pick up your racket on the clay courts, palm your bocce balls near dorms, or feel the urge to sound your barbaric yawp over the rooftops after you finish working late night.

Special Cell Phone Corollary: for decades, Bread Loaf students have read widely and thought deeply with the unique luxury of slow, quiet, private time. Please help preserve one of the features that makes Bread Loaf special. If it's possible, try to avoid phone conversations in public places. Thanks for doing unto others...

Have You Felt So Proud To Get At The Meaning Of Poems?

Uncle Walt would likely have submitted a few little lyrics had he Loafed with us. Will you play Whitman and offer a few leaves of your own? The Robert Haiduke Poetry Contest was established many years ago as an opportunity for Bread Loaf students to obtain recognition for their original poetry. It is a multi-campus competition with **one deadline for submission: this Thursday, July 18, 2013**. To enter submit one or two poems (maximum 40 lines each) by e-mail to Karen Browne on BreadNet. The winner(s) will receive a substantial cash prize and the winning poems will be published and distributed at all Bread Loaf campuses and published on the Bread Loaf website. **Please note that by entering the contest you give permission for your writing to be printed and distributed.**

Heart Of Saturday Night Crooner

Calista Kelly has opened the T-shirt Waitlist. These shirts will be available on a first come, first served basis and will stay that way until they're gone, baby, gone. Thank you, Catherine Watson, designer of the 2013 BL T!

My Centipede Needs Work, But You Should See My Running Man

The heat's meant that a few of you have shifted your runs to the early morning or late evening hours. Here's the deal: that requires extra vigilance if you're running on Route 125. The *Crumb's* intern staff has conducted extensive research into the training methods of this year's Penn Relays champions and submits these tips. #1) Run during the light hours. #2) Run with a partner. #3) Run against traffic. #4) Run wearing reflective clothing. #5) Don't run at night on 125, or see #1. Be careful out there, Loafers. Avoid those bears (looking at you, Masterson) and make certain cars can see you. This PSA brought to you by Ripton's League of Safe Athletes.

It's Been A Bard Day's Night

If you've been working like a dog, take a rest and take part in the **July 24 SonnetFest at 7:15 pm in Barn 1**. Sign up on the Dining Hall bulletin board to read your favorite sonnet, play Elizabethan chamber music, or the like.

Three Days Without Reading And Talk Becomes Stale

Keep yourself current with contemporary fiction, poetry, and non-fiction by snagging a subscription to *New England Review*. Edited by Bread Loaf's own Stephen Donadio, the *Review* continually challenges and rewards your careful reading. With an enhanced web presence and the sponsorship of the Vermont Reading Series, the *Review's* commitment to literary excellence gives you varied means to feed your head. Subscription brochures at the Inn or www.nereview.com are your best bet to get yourself in the know.

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Weather

Wed: got AC? 90/64

Thu: Thor returns 84/68

Fri: swampy 88/70

Teaching Across The Arts Tonight

Bread Loaf faculty Isobel Armstrong, Robert Stepto, Michael Armstrong and writers Adam Fitzgerald and Bianca Stone will lead a **roundtable discussion on TEACHING ACROSS THE ARTS tonight at 7:30 pm in Barn 1.** Please join us.

Our professors need no introduction. As for our guests, Adam Fitzgerald (MFA, Columbia) is a New York City-based poet, who teaches creative writing at Rutgers University and The New School. He is founding editor of the poetry journal *Maggy* and Monk Books, a small artisan press. Bianca Stone is the author of several poetry chapbooks, including *I Want To Open The Mouth God Gave You*, *Beautiful Mutant* and *I Saw The Devil With His Needlework*. She is also illustrator of *Antigonick*, a collaboration with Anne Carson.

She's Got A Ticket To Ride

Well, apparently the *Crumb* Theater Critic got a bit ahead of himself. In an effort to communicate anticipation, yesterday's issue incorrectly identified today as the opening day to claim *Our Town* tix. Apologies, but you'll have to wait one more day to wild out with Wilder. Tickets to the play will be available **tomorrow, not Wednesday.** They're free for BL community members. You need only visit the Front Desk and ask for the evening you wish to visit Grover's Corner. Please reserve only what you need. And remember, if your plans change, just exchange your night's seats for those on a different night. The show opens July 31 and runs through August 4. All show times are 8 pm.

Inn For A Penny, Inn For A Pond

The able ministrations of Inn 3's residents have brought you tomorrow's Pond Reading. Their sponsorship means a new Mystery Faculty Reader. Stop by around 9:30 pm to catch the reading and a cool beverage.

An Alto, A Soprano, And A Baritone Walk Into A Bar

Lloyd Miller and the Singing Group would counsel leaving that den of sin and joining up to produce music for the summer's play. Lloyd hopes to uncover a few more female singers to lend balance to the group. Contact him at thedeedledeedeeds@yahoo.com or attend **tomorrow's rehearsal at 5 pm in the Barn.** Barry Whites are always welcome, but where's our Kathleen Battle?

Practicing Sustainable Education

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If The Bell Beckons You In To Eat, The Flickering Lights Send You On Your Way

It's really about that simple, says Lindsay Coffta. Those smiling purveyors of Chef Darren's gastronomical creations are students. They need to print papers, grab books, and hustle over to the Barn in the ten minutes they have between meals and classes. But they can't if you linger over coffee or order another dessert after the Dining Hall lights flicker. Thanks for staying mindful of their time.

If you're one of the lucky few non-seniors who'll stick around for the glorious stretch of time after classes end, **please consider serving at the Graduation Banquet.** That's **Saturday, 8/10, Waiter-In-The-Wings.** The event's a load of fun, since everyone's in a celebratory mood and wants to share those *bon temps* with you. Contact Coffta or Sara G. over BreadNet to lend a hand.

Tech Check

When's the last time you were on BreadNet? Tons of info waiting there (especially in Conferences), on BL's homepage, or on BLTN's Twitter feed: <https://twitter.com/#!/BLTNTeachers/> Keep yourself plugged in and up to date.

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(It's) Suddenly Last Summer

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Screw Your Courage To The Sticking-Place

Bummer that you've only got one more day to jump into the fray. Bigger bummer if you tuck that aubade under your bed and figure, "someone else has better chops than me." Go on. Be bold, versifier. The Robert Haiduke Poetry Contest was established many years ago as an opportunity for Bread Loaf students to obtain recognition for their original poetry. It is a multi-campus competition with **one deadline for submission: this Thursday, July 18, 2013.** To enter submit one or two poems (maximum 40 lines each) by e-mail to Karen Browne on BreadNet. The winner(s) will receive a substantial cash prize and the winning poems will be published and distributed at all Bread Loaf campuses and published on the Bread Loaf website. **Please note that by entering the contest you give permission for your writing to be printed and distributed.**

Live Free or Die

The Frost Reading Group will discuss the poet's third collection, *New Hampshire*, **this Friday at 1:45 pm in the Blue Parlor.** "Fire and Ice" and "Stopping By Woods..." you already know. How about "She was like chewing glass" or "Then I sat and grew a tail?" You can't make up material this good. And the narrative account of a BL summer (the ol' guy *was* an instructor here, after all) is Frost's "A Fountain, A Wine Bottle, a Donkey's Ears, a Garbage can, Five Barrels of Coal, a Broken Clock, a Burnt Hat and Some Books." Look it up.

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Singing Group 5 pm

BLTN Mtg. 7 pm

Pond Rdg. 9:30 pm

Friday:

Novel Online Wkshp. 10 am

All School Picnic 6 pm

Hotel Transylvania 7 pm

Broken Embraces 9 pm

Saturday:

Mt. Mansfield Hike 9 am

Dance 9 pm

Menu

Lunch: mushroom barley soup; chicken parmesan sandwich; eggplant parm

Dinner: corn, red pepp, jalapeno jack risotto; balsamic grilled chix; tomato zucchini napoleons (what would Ani DiFranco say?)

Weather

Thu: rumble 82/66

Fri: irriguous 88/70

Sat: wet again 79/61

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What's The Fastest Route To New Hampshire?

Alright, head over to the Front Desk for those *Our Town* tickets. The summer production created by Alan MacVey and the Bread Loaf Acting Ensemble is, of course, Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize-winning drama. Many of you have seen the play take shape during nightly rehearsals; now's the chance to experience the finished product. Ticket details: They're free for BL community members. Visit the Front Desk and ask for the evening you wish to visit Grover's Corner. Please reserve only what you need. And remember, if your plans change, just exchange your night's seats for those on a different night. **The show opens July 31 and runs through August 4. All show times are 8 pm.**

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...And Knowing's Half The Battle

Amy Hungerford will run a workshop entitled "The Novel Online" **tomorrow morning in Barn 1 at 10 am.**

A Walk In The Woods

Matt Fiorentino leads you hard chargers into the mad forest once more **this Saturday morning at 9 am.** You'll hike up Mount Mansfield and return in time for dinner. It's a 50 minute drive (help carpool if you can) and bag lunches will be provided. Sign up at the Front Desk. Bring lots of water, a rain layer, and suitably soled shoes.

Please return *Hotel Transylvania* to the Library ASAP!

We'd like to show the movie to the kids after the Picnic Friday night. Don't make little ones cry....

Due Praise

Please congratulate the following students who have received named scholarships for the 94th Bread Loaf Session.

John M. Kirk, Jr. Scholars

Shane Cappucio	Connor Maguire
Andrew McDonald	Himali Soin

Reginald and Juanita Cook Scholars

Katherine Ellis	Marilee Malott
Andrea Rotter	John Johnson
Lauren Vargas	Kassandra Johnston

Wylie and Lucy Sypher Scholars

Larissa Synder	Lauren Bahedry
Molly Rankin	Javier Gomez Zapata

Laurence B. Holland Memorial Scholars

Richard Braithwaite	James Cordes
Kathryn Stewart	Hayley O'Malley
David Wandera	

Raymond A. Waldron Scholar

Jessica Candlin

Ruth McCullough Walzer Scholars

Promise Partner	Andrew Rejan
Leila Huff	Emily Smith

Anthony Penale Award

Meryl Lucchesi-Freyberg

Hazel Haseltine Adkins Scholars

Daniel Shaw	Josh Rilla
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Charles J. Orr Memorial Scholar

Frederic Hambalek

Beth Cubeta Scholar

John Oliver

Margaret Grant Fielders Scholar

Joy Hurd

Elizabeth Bailey Scholar

Deborah Alcorn

Brent Goeres Scholar

Molly Yurchak

Chase K. Byron Memorial Scholar

Jane Maslanka

James Andreas Memorial Scholar

Amy Lafty

Betty Bailey Award

David Wandera

Alexander Twilight Scholar

Chantal Kenol-Desmornes

Mark Doty Wilson Scholar

Emily Lackey

Here's A Seventh Memo For The Next Millennium, Italo

Saturday's dance is all-comers, all styles. Just a good old-fashioned, let-your-hair down groove. DJ Cole "Don't call me Elizabeth" Bennett has culled his comprehensive iTunes library to create a behemoth of a playlist. You won't be able to leave the dance floor, mostly owing to your attempt—and failure to land—That Move That Worked When You Were Nineteen, but the music will rock too. Bring an ID, show up at 9 pm, stay until you get yer ya-ya's out.

Due Praise, Part Deux

The following endowed chairs for the 2013 session were awarded to these deserving, fantastic teachers.

John Kirk Chair of Medieval Literature: Professor John Fyler

Ruth and Lillian Marino Chair: Professor Caroline Bicks

Robert Frost Chair of Literature: Professor Tyler Curtain

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Events

Friday:

Frost Rdg. Group 1:45 pm

All School Picnic 6 pm

Hotel Transylvania 7 pm

Broken Embraces 9 pm

Saturday:

Mt. Mansfield Hike 9 am

Dance 9 pm

Sunday:

Blue Parlor 7 pm

Menu

Lunch: wild rice soup; beef tacos; veggie taco salad

Dinner: meatloaf (I would do anything for love); root vegetable pie; green beans

Weather

Fri: heat+storms 88/72

Sat: prob t'stormin' 79/55

Sun: Borat says? 72/48

Call x2710 after 11 pm in event of fire alarm

Elderly Woman Behind The Counter In A Small Town

Here's a TicketMaster Vedder and his crew haven't battled. Kalli's the Betterman and will help you achieve Even Flow. Do The Evolution and pick up your *Our Town* tix from the Front Desk. Ticket details: They're free for BL community members. Please reserve only what you need. And remember, if your plans change, just exchange your night's seats for those from a different show. **The show opens July 31 and runs through August 4. All show times are 8 pm.**

The Paltry, The Piddling, The Nugatory, And Picayune

So, now it gets real. The Senior Class has declared that Trivia Night will continue until a team composed entirely of Fifth-Years wins the whole shebang. Thus, the Class of 2013 will undertake the summer's **2nd BL Trivia Night next Tuesday, 7/23, at 8:30 pm in the Barn.** Teams must have four or fewer members and a witty team name premised on the evening's theme: Back to School. Prizes will be awarded for finest name, for winning, and for greasing Tex's palm before the event begins (hint: it really *is* all about the Benjamins with this guy). Will you dethrone current Trivial Champions zz cummings?

Aerosmith/Run DMC Crossover Hit?

Outdoorsman, scholar, backgammon titan, Matt Fiorentino has dropped this knowledge on the *Crumb's* Office of Bipedal Exertion and Aesthetic Alpine Contemplation: "Mount Mansfield is the highest mountain in Vermont with a summit that peaks at 4,393 feet above sea level. For about three miles, the Long Trail is almost entirely above treeline, the only such stretch of alpine zone in the state—and one of two places where arctic tundra can be found. For comparison, Mansfield features some 200 acres of tundra to Camel's Hump single-digit acreage. We will hike up the most popular route from the east side of the mountain, a five-mile round trip with 2,200 feet of elevation gain. Stop where you want or go all the way to the top—definitely a geographic feature to check out while you're here!" **Particulars:** leave at **9 am from the Inn Porch**; bag lunches will be provided as long as you've signed up at the Front Desk; we will be home in time for dinner; please wear suitably soled shoes, bring one or two water bottles, and pack a rain layer.

Next week's hike: Snake Mountain, a 1,287 foot isolated mountain in the heart of Addison County. Views of Lake Champlain, the Adirondacks, and the whole of the Champlain Valley!

Drew Draws A Crowd

You'll read more about the event in this space next week, but for now, let me counsel making early plans to attend **next Tuesday's Elizabeth Drew Lecture at 7:30 pm in the Barn**. The Drew is a well-loved BL tradition and a Major Deal. This year's lecturer is Natasha Trethewey. Right, the Poet Laureate of the United States. Check back on Monday for more background on Elizabeth Drew and Professor Trethewey.

Re-Enroll Of Thunder, Hear My Cry

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Acrophobics Will Get Down To Business On First Floor

Two items from the Sweaty Palms, Thrumming Heart File here. It's never OK to clamber onto a building's roof, and especially not to avoid standing on the street to smoke. Daredevils, Faulkner in Vieux Carré imitators, and midnight smokers: please be safe. Also, that tightrope near Larch is très cool. Can it please live in your room, though, when you're not rehearsing for the Barnum & Bailey audition? Bit of a danger—particularly at night—for cart drivers and late night walkers. Makes that trip to change your laundry a smidge more perilous. Thanks, all.

Winesburg, Ohio

Los Presidentes Wandera and Coffta have written to remind the **Senior Class** of their **outing this evening at Lincoln Peak Winery at 6 pm**. The Wine Down Friday series continues with music by After the Rodeo, a blues/jazz/cowboy folk trio that'll play to the crowds lounging on blankets and lawn chairs. Reach out to one Prez or the other if you need a ride or can offer a spot in your hooty. Local food and wine, good people, summer night.

The BoccesCake Factory

Almost all first-round matches in the 38th Annual International Bocce Tournament and Country Crafts Fair have concluded. If, perchance, your team's the rare group yet to schedule or play your next game: get off your duff, eh? The Waitstaph Infection (props for shiver-inducing name) and the Pastafarians await their next round opponents. Big battles in store for your weekend viewing pleasure (I'd DVR these or pick up the live Twitter feed if you're away from campus this weekend): Belles of the Balls vs. Bocce In The Time Of Cholera AND The Old Man and the C vs. So You Think You Can Bocce? Let's agree to complete your next match by Monday, mm k?

Song Of Roland Garros

Racketeers, your time in the sun has arrived (not quite an apt metaphor this summer). WimbleLoaf sign-ups have begun. If you're a tennis player, tennis fan, or just want the red clay on your shoes so you can impress that cutie from Drama in the Classroom with your faux athletic *élan*, come be a part of the contest that has seen all manner of dramatic flourishes over the years. Whether you've ground strokes like Brown or the agility at the net of a Sabin, there's a spot for you in the tourney. A John Hancock on the sheet near the Dining Room earns you the chance at BL *kleos*.

Midway Through Our Life's Journey I Awoke In A Dark (Holly)Wood

So long as our copy's been returned to Davison Library, the kiddos (and cartoon enthusiasts among us) will watch ***Hotel Transylvania* at 7 pm tonight in Barn 1**. The decidedly *not* child-appropriate ***Broken Embraces* will play at 9 pm in the Barn**. BL's Jonathan Freedman introduces the Pedro Almodóvar vehicle. Penelope Cruz and the ensemble cast does the rest in making this complex, "visually pulsating" (Chicago Sun-Times) film one you'll be pondering all weekend. Midd's Language Schools' latest offering comes from French-speaking Canada. It's Phillipe Falardeau's *Monsieur Lazhar*, a synopsis of which follows: "Bachir Lazhar, an Algerian immigrant, is hired to replace an elementary school teacher who died tragically. While the class goes through a long healing process, nobody in the school is aware of Bachir's painful former life; nor that he is at risk of being deported at any moment. Using great sensitivity and humor, Philippe Falardeau follows a humble man who is ready to transcend his own loss in order to accompany children beyond the silence and taboo of death." Head to **Dana Auditorium in Sunderland Language Center on College Street (which is also 125 in town) at 7 pm tomorrow**.

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Events

Monday:

Drew Lecture 7:30 pm

Yoga 7:30 pm

Tuesday:

Singing Group 5 pm

Ultimate 7 pm

S.O.C. Meeting 7:30 pm

Trivia Night 8:30 pm

Wednesday:

Directors' Reception 5 pm

Soccer 7 pm

Shakes-a-thon 7:15 pm

Menu

Lunch: five onion soup;
veggie wrap; turkey & brie
wrap; potato salad

Dinner: meatloaf; veggie
stroganoff

Weather

Mon: more clouds 86/64

Tue: likely rain 79/63

Wed: showers? 75/52

Drew Lecture TONIGHT

Although you read otherwise last Friday, the **Drew Lecture will take place TONIGHT in the Barn at 7:30 pm.** As you've heard, the event's one of the biggest on the Bread Loaf calendar. You'd expect, then, that the fact-checking and line-editing gnomes in the *Crumb* Office of Information Review would be on their game. The *Crumb* apologizes for any plan altering necessary to make TONIGHT'S event.

Natasha Trethewey will give TONIGHT'S Drew Lecture. Appointed U.S. Poet Laureate and Poet Laureate of Mississippi in 2012, Ms. Trethewey has taught at Emory University since 2001 and is currently Robert Woodruff Professor of English and Creative Writing. She won the very first Cave Canem Poetry Prize, two Lillian Smith Book awards for her poetry, a Pulitzer Prize, and she has held joint appointments at Duke, UNC, and Yale. Please pick up one of Ms. Trethewey's books in the Annex Bookstore; you'll get 15% off.

Drew Lecture: Origins

One of the most anticipated events on the Bread Loaf calendar, the Elizabeth Drew Lecture has been a staple of scholastic inquiry for many years. Over a career lasting nearly a half-century, Ms. Drew's prodigious writing output included poetry, literary scholarship, drama, and numerous essays. Born in Singapore, educated in England, Ms. Drew survived the Blitz, achieved success as a critic and public intellectual, and found an abiding affinity for Bread Loaf. She taught at Girton College in Cambridge, the University of Cambridge, Smith College, and right here on the Mountain. Past Drew Lecturers have included Marjorie Garber, Oskar Eustis, Tony Kushner, Seamus Heaney, and BL's Michael Wood and Isobel Armstrong.

Please join us in Treman for a reception following **TONIGHT'S Drew Lecture.** Final N.B.: seating will be tight in the Barn, so you may wish to arrive early to stake your claim to a comfy perch.

Saturday Hike Preview

This week's hike: Snake Mountain, a 1,287 foot isolated mountain in the heart of Addison County. Views of Lake Champlain, the Adirondacks, and the whole of the Champlain Valley!

Played Your Bocce Match Yet? Let's Get Rolling

Weekly Calendar

Monday: Drew Lecture at 7:30; Yoga at 7:30

Tuesday: Singing Group at 5; Ultimate at 7; Students of Color at 7:30; Yoga at 7:30; Trivia Night at 8:30

Wednesday: Directors' Reception at 5; Soccer at 7; Shakespeare Sonnet Reading at 7:15; Yoga at 7:30

Thursday: Singing Group at 5; BLTN Meeting at 7; Yoga at 7:30; Pond Reading at 9:30

Friday: Faculty Workshops all day; All School Picnic at 6; *The Shining* at 9

Saturday: Snake Mountain Hike at 9; Suppressed Desires Dance at 9-ish

Sunday: Soccer at 4:30; Blue Parlor at 7

Updates From The Little Theatre

Mary Spence and the folks hard at work creating *Our Town* would love a hand. If you'd like to act as an usher (humming "Here I Stand" optional) during the show's run July 31-August 4, please contact Mary via BreadNet, snail mail, or in the Little Theatre most afternoons and evenings. You'd be committing to arrival at 7:30 and would stay through the end of the show (9:30-10). Ushers are invited to watch the play or even complete course work during down times.

Tickets to *Our Town* are still available, though you'd be wise to go snag yours soon. Supposing your preferred night is sold out (Wednesday's performance is the closest to being so), you have a few options. You could contact Mary and hop on the Stand-by List for the evening you want; nearly every person on the List ends up with a seat for their preferred show. Alternatively, you could keep double-checking with the Front Desk in the hopes that someone else will exchange their tickets for the night you desire. Or you could attend the **final dress rehearsal at 8 pm on Tuesday, 7/30**. You won't need a ticket for this last one.

Frost Group Meets This Friday

The members of the Frost Reading Group hope you'll join them this **Friday at 1:45 pm in the Blue Parlor** for their latest confab. The week's text is *West-Running Brook*. Check out the J.J. Lankes woodcuts, which also supplement books by Sherwood Anderson and Beatrix Potter.

Play Trivia Tomorrow

Thanks to the Class of 2013, the 2nd BL Trivia Night of the summer kicks **off tomorrow evening at 8:30 pm in the Barn**. The class has worked up a collection of brow-furrowing questions to challenge you and has offered prizes for best team name (theme is Back to School) and highest point total. The six rounds will run a couple of hours for your teams of four or fewer members. Take a break from the library and recharge your paper-writing batteries.

Need More Senior Cruise Notifications

Seniors are reminded to sign up for the cruise with Elaine Lathrop in the Main Office. An accurate head-count is vital, so please determine your plans and double-check the email regarding event particulars.

Writing Center Notes

Sherry Brown and the Writing Center crew would love to see you and help with that paper or project you've been creating. You can find the appointment sheet, weekly hours of operation, and the smiling face of a peer reader when you head to Davison Library's second floor and poke your nose into the red-chaired classroom in the back.

Hours good for July 22-28

Monday: 2-5 pm

Tuesday: 9:45 am-12:45 pm; 1-5 pm

Wednesday: 9 am-1 pm; 2-5 pm; 7-9 pm

Thursday: 9:45 am-12 pm; 1-3 pm

Friday and Saturday closed

Sunday: 8-10 am; 11 am-1 pm; 3:30-5:30 pm; 8-10 pm

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Events

Tuesday:

Singing Group	5 pm
S.O.C. Meeting	7:30 pm
Trivia Night	8:30 pm

Wednesday:

Directors' Reception	5 pm
Soccer	7 pm
Shakes-a-thon	7:15 pm

Thursday:

Singing Group	5 pm
Soccer	5:30 pm
BLTN Meeting	7 pm
Pond Reading	9 pm

Menu

Lunch: hot n' sour soup;
chicken teriyaki salad; veggie
spring rolls

Dinner: peppercorn pork
tenderloin; quinoa salad

Weather

Tue: end of Hem's 1st	81/66
Wed: pleasant	79/52
Thu: not bad at all	81/52

What Is The Airspeed Velocity Of An Unladen Sparrow?

Change things up this evening and give your tight focus, close reading skills a rest. The **Class of 2013's Trivia Night** competition will challenge the breadth of your knowledge when it goes off **tonight at 8:30 pm in the Barn**. Those of you who can't turn off that assiduousness of attention will already know that trivia teams need four members or fewer, that there'll be six rounds, and that you'll need a clever team name based on the Back to School theme. **Faculty are, of course, invited to compete**, so long as they avoid chortling with glee while they cruise through categories like Global Modernism, the Ovidian Tradition, and Milton's Poetry. Beyond brushing up on the distinction between African and European wildfowl, there's no more advice to offer. See if your crew can best zz cummings, the current Trivial Champions.

Our Town And Country

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Croutons will offer childcare during Friday's show. Families may sign up at the Front Desk for the service. You'll get the seven hours between 5 pm and midnight to yourself and Croutons will get 60, 80, or 100 of your dollars depending on whether you have one, two, or three children that need watching.

Have You Submitted Your Re-enrollment Forms Online Yet?

Desire Under The Elms

It's the venerable (though slightly, *ahem*, saucy) **Suppressed Desires** celebration. The music's coming from the sure-handed, beat-dropping, party-starting "Blue" Gene "Baby" Campbell "Ay Lady." The attire...well, let's just say you could get emotionally invested. Prizes will be awarded for Best Overall Costume and Best Ensemble Idea. Years past have seen the Seven Deadly Sins, Circus Strongmen, Mewling Babies, and lots and lots of duct tape. Jane Austen, the Jetsons, various faculty members, and a One Night Stand have all made appearances. So, head down to the secondhand stores (or hardware shop or vacuum supply warehouse) and get what you need to begin constructing your own (barely) suppressed desire. This one's for posterity, gang, so turn it on **this Saturday at 9 pm in the Barn**. The Class of 2013 will sponsor *les bon temps* and they've set a Gatsby theme. Feel free to rock a Fitzgerald vibe or individualize your duds according to taste. Little Theatre's Costume Shop's unable to help clothe you; maybe call down to Midd to see about finding those chaps and the fireman's helmet?

SeenYer Kid?

Graduates-to-be: take a gander at the deal Croutons will give you for Graduation childcare. They'll look after the Little One(s) that Saturday evening between 5 pm and midnight at the Ripton Elementary School. Cost is dependent on number of kiddos (1=\$60; 2=\$80; 3 or more=\$100).

Glory, Glory Bread Loaf FC

Mickey Lenzi, the Gaffer, has written to the *Crumb's* Department of Beautiful Games with a note on this week's Bread Loaf FC match. "This Thursday we'll head down to Midd for a full-field pickup soccer game. Let's meet in the Barn parking lot at 5:30 pm to carpool. Please bring a dark shirt (BL FC green one works well) and a white shirt. Since we plan to eat dinner after the match, throw your wallet in your bag. The more soccer players who come down with us, the better our game will be. All players, of all skill levels, are welcome."

Celebrat-Orry Event

Come out for the great people, stay for the three-mile run. The Charlie Orr 5K Run/Walk/Skip/Gambol takes place next Saturday, 8/3, at 9 am. This BL institution began in 1984 when Charlie's classmates and friends wanted to commemorate a fabulous person, full of wit and *bonhomie*. The event, which does not require sub-7 mile splits or flashy running kicks, has marked the final weekend on the Mountain since 1985. So, roust yourself from sleep next weekend and make a point to take part in the Orr. You'll play your part in an important tradition and get a little cardio to boot.

The Sporting Loaf

Whew. Check the athletic energy on the Mountain this week. Here are two more from the Office of Racquets and Rolling. Julia "Don't Make Me Lay Down The" Woodward wants *you* to play in the 56th Annual WimbleLoaf tennis tournament. Sign up for singles or doubles matches, or both if you fancy playing Sungbae twice. BreadNet Julia or put your name on the sheet outside the Dining Hall. Hey, this year's Bocce Blowout has dramatic matches, trash-talking aplenty, and the tears of defeat (no, that was *not* me you heard snuffling all last Friday night). So You Think You Can Bocce booked themselves a quarterfinal berth with a hotly contested, but well-deserved win over The Old Man and the C, while Bocce In The Time Of Cholera did the same with *raffa* shots of some caliber. In the Big News of the weekend, last year's champs—WWWDream—suffered a first-match defeat, thus ensuring we'll see a new team hoist the IBT Winners' Belt.

August And Everything After

Fifth-years are asked to check their BreadNet accounts ASAP. You've an invitation to the Senior Cruise, a request for information from the Presidents, and some billing issues that need your attention. If you haven't yet informed Victoria Brown of your Banquet Table Numbers or Room Reservation Requests, get hopping. Seniors may pay with cash or checks (made out to Middlebury College) any time before the **August 2 due date**.

Non-Seniors: wanna serve at the Graduation Banquet Saturday, 8/10? Catch one of the Headwaiters at a meal or BreadNet them to put smiles on their faces with your generosity of spirit.

Join US Soccer Fans At Two Bros. Tonight At 7 pm To Cheer Our Yanks To Gold Cup Semifinal Victory!

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Wednesday:

Directors' Reception	5 pm
Soccer	7 pm
Shakes-a-thon	7:15 pm

Thursday:

Singing Group	5 pm
Soccer	5:30 pm
BLTN Meeting	7 pm
Pond Reading	9 pm

Friday:

Workshops	All Day
All School Picnic	6 pm
<i>The Shining</i>	9 pm

Menu

Lunch: minestrone soup; hot Italian OR veggie sandwich

Dinner: baked cod; Cicero's cakes in yogurt sauce over linguine; your just desserts

Weather

Wed: a reprieve	70/48
Thu: pick o' the week	72/46
Fri: got costumes?	77/50

Let Not My Love Be Call'd Bard-olatry

You ever tried writing your love notes exclusively in iambs? Not so simple, eh, pal? Perhaps you've heard of this English gentleman who had slightly better command of the language and produced a few sonnets in consistent meter. Noam and his Shakespearean colleagues would like to invite you to the **Barn tonight at 7:15 pm for a Sonnet Read-A-Thon cum multi-media celebration of the Bard**. The concept is straightforward: read all 154 of the guy's poems. There'll be musical accompaniment, arts and crafts supplies for impromptu moments of Will-fueled inspiration, and a book of Shaxper's sonnets in the event you've not chosen a poem to read. According to Osband, you can show up and read if you didn't sign up in advance, just as you can show up and not read. You could *not* show up and still read, but your roommate would probably give you That Look again. Or you could *not* show up and *not* read...and we'd call that skipping this event. Surely you wouldn't do that? Come hear the seduction of the Dark Lady and why Edward de Vere may or may not have written these poems.

Directive

Here are your waters and your watering place, ya'll. Back from trips to Asheville and Santa Fe, Django Paris will host **this afternoon's Directors' Reception at 5 pm on the West Lawn**. It's the second/last one of the summer, so you'll certainly want to turn out in your shee-shee duds and rub shoulders with faculty and students alike. The drill ought to be routine by now: ID means you can drink and be whole again beyond confusion. Plenty of other refreshments are on hand—as is scintillating conversation about Robert Frost and that cutie from Playwriting. Talk her/him up, smoothie; time's running short and you don't want to suppress your desire any longer. Which brings us to

Enterprises Of Great Pith And Moment

Naturally, we're talking about **Saturday's Suppressed Desires dance at 9 pm in the Barn**. Ben Franklin's downtown, T.J. Maxx, and (oddly) Noonie's Deli have helped outfit Loafers in the past. Go big for this one, either with an individual outfit or by putting together a group costume. Note that you can cite your night's activities in that paper on Identity Shifting and Ecstasy in the collected works of A.A. Milne. See you there Saturday, Christopher Robin.

Event Update: Yoga Will Not Take Place This Friday, 7/26

Welcome Back To The Mountain!

Andrea Lunsford, long-time Bread Loaf faculty member and Professor of English and Rhetoric at Stanford University, will be on campus for about two weeks, arriving tonight. She's currently at work on *The Norton Anthology of Rhetoric and Writing*. Andrea will lead a **workshop Sunday, 7/28, in Barn 1, 10-11:30 am** on the digital essay. She will speak **Monday, 7/29, in Barn 1, 7 pm**: "Changes in Research, Changes in Teaching: New Kinds of Writing Demand a New Kind of Teaching."

Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle's Baby-Sitter

Croutons will offer childcare during next Friday's *Our Town* show. Families may sign up at the Front Desk for the service. You'll get the seven hours between 5 pm and midnight to yourself and Croutons will get 60, 80, or 100 of your dollars depending on whether you have one, two, or three+ children that need watching.

Seniors: Croutons also offers Graduation childcare. They'll look after the Little One(s) that Saturday evening between 5 pm and midnight at the Ripton Elementary School. Cost is the same as above. **Sign-ups at Front Desk.**

...And Seniors

You've made it to your final summer by sweating the details, staying on top of commitments, and keeping up to date with requirements. That works out of class as well as it does in. So, please let the Main Office know if you plan to attend the Senior Cruise in two weeks. Please give Lindsay and David the feedback over email they've requested. Please provide Victoria with an accurate headcount for your Banquet Table and Room Reservations. Finally, settle all outstanding bills with Victoria by **next Friday, 8/2**. Closer to your cane...

System Of A Town

Mary Spence and the folks hard at work creating *Our Town* would love a hand. If you'd like to act as an usher during **the show's run July 31-August 4**, please contact Mary via BreadNet, snail mail, or in the Little Theatre most afternoons and evenings. You'd be committing to arrival at 7:30 pm and would stay through the end of the show (9:30-10 pm). Ushers are invited to watch the play or even complete course work during down times.

Tickets to *Our Town* are still available, though you'd be wise to go snag yours soon. Supposing your preferred night is sold out (Wednesday's performance is the closest to being so), you have a few options. You could contact Mary and hop on the Stand-by List for the evening you want; nearly every person on the List ends up with a seat for their preferred show. Alternatively, you could keep double-checking with the Front Desk in the hopes that someone else will exchange their tickets for the night you desire. Or you could attend the **final dress rehearsal at 8 pm on Tuesday, 7/30**. You won't need a ticket for this last one.

Double Century

From the I Am Not Making This Up File: Kalli Federhofer has a nice little bike trip planned this week. To Canada. And back. He'd love company, provided you have about 200 miles in your legs. **Kalli will leave from the Barn at 1 am on Friday morning** (with Thursday night's festivities still echoing in his ears) and will return to campus with maple leaf in hand and wearing a Mountie's lid later that afternoon. Sign up outside the Dining Hall.

A River Runs Through It

Whether or not there was a clear line between religion and fly fishing in your family, if you've interest in the activity Ted Ogden's your guy. He'll offer casting instruction and gear to all comers **after dinner tonight in the field beyond the Barn**. Don't know a dry fly from a nymph? No worries. This one's for very beginners. He'll reprise the fun **Friday morning around 11 am**. Interested anglers-in-training should contact Ted over BreadNet or simply turn up and start loading that line with false casts. Fish on!

I'll Be Watson And You Can Be Ken Jennings

Muchas gracias to Tex Tourais and the Senior Class for putting on the dog yesterday eve at Trivia Night. After brain-bending stumpers, a new champion has emerged: the Dangling Participles took home the hardware, fruits of their triumph over the 76 other players. Hats off to Matt Cinotti, Michael Armstrong, Sara Griesbach, & Suzanne Callis! To the question authors, the readers, and point tabulators, thank you for the fun.

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Events

Thursday:

Singing Group	5 pm
Soccer	5:30 pm
BLTN Meeting	7 pm
Pond Reading	9 pm

Friday:

Workshops	All Day
Fly Fishing	11 am
Frost Rdg. Grp.	1:45 pm
Senior Event	3 pm
All School Picnic	6 pm
<i>The Shining</i>	9 pm

Saturday:

Snake Mtn. Hike	9 am
Prep for Suppressed	All Day
Suppressed Desires	9 pm

Menu

Lunch: tomato/dill bisque;
Jamaican jerk chicken; 5
cheese n' bean quesadilla

Dinner: grilled hanger steak;
grilled portobellas; sweet
potato mash; collared greens

How 'bout this weather?

Brilliant Start To Your Weekend

In anticipation of **tomorrow's workshop at 2 pm in Barn 1**, Professor Shoulson has passed along these thoughts to whet your appetite: "I have had the great pleasure of being part of the Bread Loaf community for the past eight years. During that time, I've also been writing a book and it's been my privilege to work through some of the materials and try out some of the ideas that found their way into that book in my teaching on the mountain. Now that the book is out, it's my honor to share some thoughts about it with the community I have come to value so much. *Fictions of Conversion: Jews, Christians, and Cultures of Change in Early Modern England* examines how the phenomenon of religious change in post-Reformation England, and the anxieties such rapid and occasionally recursive transformations elicited, were frequently mapped onto conceptions of Jews and Jewishness during the period. English cultural expression is permeated by "fictions of conversion," in which conversion is not only the means through which to understand the fitful progression of English religious and ecclesiastical history; rather, these fictions of conversion serve as a nexus for the negotiations of various other kinds of change. Conversion becomes a means through which certain technologies of transformation--translation, alchemy, and enthusiasm--are figured. Situated at the hinge point of change, the converted/converting/unconvertible Jew repeatedly surfaces as a figure for the fraught tension between old and new, continuity and rupture, that is at the center of early modern English cultures of change." That's good stuff, yeah? See you tomorrow morning.

Bread Loaf FC Hopes To Replicate American Success

No summer transfers or tapping up necessary for this one to go off. Here's Mickey Lenzi's open invite to all ballers with soft touch (no, not talking Suppressed Desires this time) and a thirst for the world's most popular game. "**Tonight** we'll head down to Midd for a full-field pickup soccer game. Let's **meet in the Barn parking lot at 5:30 pm** to carpool. Please bring a dark shirt (BL FC green one works well) and a white shirt. Since we plan to eat dinner after the match, throw your wallet in your bag. The more soccer players who come down with us, the better our game will be. **All players, of all skill levels, are welcome.**"

Tonight's Pond Party Features A New Mystery Faculty Reader

Portrait Of The Artist As A Young Man

At 5 pm tonight in Barn 2, Kate Carroll will talk about The New England Young Writers' Conference at which 10th and 11th grade students and secondary teachers share and develop their writing (fiction and non-fiction prose as well as poetry) over three days in May at Bread Loaf. Anyone who would like to be added to the Conference's mailing list, please send your school mailing address and email to Kate via BreadNet. Check out the website for more 411: <http://sites.middlebury.edu/neywc/>

Teaching With Digital Video And The iPad

Brent Ashley and Shel Sax will offer a workshop on Friday morning between 9 and 9:55 am on recording and editing digital video with an iPad and the application of digital video in the classroom. We have 12 iPads available for use during the session. The iPads will be available beginning at 8:30 if you'd like to familiarize yourself with them before the session starts at 9. If you'd like to register, simply send an email to Shel Sax: (shel_sax@breadnet.middlebury.edu). If you have your own iPad, feel free to bring it. Please RSVP regardless.

Town And Out In Beverly Hills

Our Town ticket availability has really begun to fluctuate as Loafers make, revise, scrap, and revisit their theater-going plans. What's that mean for you? If you've altered your scheme ("Tell 'em Daisy's change her mine."), turn in your unneeded tickets quickly and help someone else pick up the night they need. Return or exchange tickets at the Front Desk. The final dress rehearsal at 8 pm on Tuesday, 7/30, is open to all, will run like a Preview, requires no ticket. If you're a gambler, Kenny Rogers, you could show up on the night you want, put yourself on the Stand-By List with Mary outside the Theatre, and wait until 7:55 pm when unclaimed tickets become available. Almost everyone who goes this route finds a seat, but why chance it when you could nail down another option: act as an usher for the show. Perquisites: backstage tour, unlimited snacks, wedding cake (part of the show, Mr. McKellen; you need to find a spouse on your own), and the satisfaction that comes from helping the community. Mary Spence is willing to work out usher coverage even if you can only offer a night or two of help. Contact her over BreadNet or in the Little Theatre. *Non ut sibi ministretur sed ut ministret.*

Can You Hike Through Moosamaloo?

Yeah, I've been hectoring you just a bit, seniors, to get your fifth-year logistics squared away. Now here's something fun. The Class of 2013 will meet in front of the Barn at 3 pm tomorrow, carpool to the Silver Lake trailhead, hike about the countryside (~5 miles/3 hours), and descend upon A&W for a tasty feast. So you got that going for you, seniors, which is nice.

A Narrow Fellow In The Grass

Matt "La Viola" Fiorentino writes to the Crumb's Directorate of Excursive Practices with a special message for you, bucko. "Attention Loafers...get outside for a short time and enjoy an incredibly gorgeous hike up Snake Mountain this Saturday, 7/27. We will leave the Inn at 9 am and return no later than 2 pm. Snake Mountain is ten minutes outside Middlebury and, at 1,287 feet of altitude, commands impressive views of Addison County, Lake Champlain, and the Adirondacks (the mountains, smarty; we have a million of those chairs just lying around). Please bring suitably soled shoes, a water bottle, and a layer to keep out rain. Bag lunches provided.

Words, Words, Words

Professor Jonathan Freedman's looking for a hand. Any chance you can convert Microsoft Word files into WordPress ones? He's willing to put ducats in your hand if you can change those old files into something more useful. Please contact Professor Freedman over BreadNet or in person to offer your Bill Gates-like expertise.

Scattered Pictures Of The Smiles We Left Behind

Like Jim Croce, Babs wants you to have photographs and memories from the summer of 2013. Why not buy some All School Photos, then, from Ed Brown at the Front Desk? An 8X10 will run you \$12 and that 5X7 (perfect for mid-year gifts when you're really missing your BL friends) costs \$9. If you place your order by next Wednesday, 7/31, the pics will be ready Monday, 8/5.

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Events

Friday:

Workshops	All Day
Fly Fishing	11 am
Senior Event	3 pm
All School Picnic	6 pm
NO YOGA	
<i>The Shining</i>	9 pm

Saturday:

Snake Mtn. Hike	9 am
Prep for Suppressed	All Day
Suppressed Desires	9 pm

Sunday:

Gold Cup Final	4 pm
Blue Parlor	7 pm
Frost Rdg. Grp.	8:30 pm

Menu

Lunch: lentil/veggie soup;
artichoke frittata; hot dogs
with Michigan sauce

Dinner: picnic

Weather

Fri: warming due to	77/53
Sat: Suppressed	77/59
Sun: Desires	73/59

A Streetcar Named

Faux fur tunic, three feet of PVC pipe, Davy Crockett cap, and a foam tail. Yeah, you're ready for the dance. If you're just emerging from Davison after a 36-hour two-step with *Tartuffe*, you might be forgiven for not knowing **tomorrow's the Suppressed Desires blow-out at 9 pm in the Barn**. Other Loafers may be just a little ahead of you in costume design, but not to worry, Blanche. Today's a day off, so head down Mountain (after attending one of the *solid* workshops on offer) and start picking up your miscellany. The DA's are no strangers, but you'll depend on their kindness—and an ID—if you want a cold beverage. Otherwise, you can leave your purse, your unfinished papers, and your unhealthy relationship with Laurel's youth at home. Saturday night's alright, alright, alriiiiight.

You're Reading Frost Sunday And I'll Brook No Dissent

Fresh from Shakes-a-thon, Noam Osband has chosen poetry with a more modern bent for reading and discussion this weekend. **Please join the Frost Reading Group Sunday at 8:30 pm in the Blue Parlor**. The collection is *West-Running Brook* and sees the ol' guy enter a period of poetic maturity on the eve of the Great Crash. "The Freedom of the Moon," "The Door in the Dark," and "The Armful" sound a bit like your night's progression at Suppressed Desires.

Let Me Shhhow You How Ssssnake Like I Can Be

Tons to do this weekend, be it literary, athletic, or aesthetic. Here's the offer from "I Just Summited The" Matt "erhorn" Fiorentino. "Attention Loafers...get outside for a short time and enjoy an incredibly gorgeous hike up Snake Mountain **this Saturday, 7/27. We will leave the Inn at 9 am and return no later than 2 pm**. Snake Mountain is ten minutes outside Middlebury and, at 1,287 feet of altitude, commands impressive views of Addison County, Lake Champlain, and the Adirondacks. Please bring suitably soled shoes, a water bottle, and a layer to keep out rain. Bag lunches provided.

Waiting For Godot

Now that'd be a choice serving assignment in the Dining Hall. **Monday is Community Waitstaff Night**, meaning we Eaters get to become Waiters for an evening. Absolutely no experience in restaurants or food service necessary—in fact, it's better. The evening

is a great way to say Thank You to the Waitstaff for a summer of their attentions and effort. All members of the Bread Loaf community are welcome to join in the fun. **Please sign up on the sheet just outside the Dining Hall, Estragon.** Hey, if you like the unbridled power and complete control that comes from withholding someone's food, why not feed that megalomania by **serving during the Graduation Banquet on Saturday, 8/10?** Wanna make Lindsay or Sara's day/week/summer? Wait until Monday night to tell them you'll help at Graduation, then watch the tsunami of gratitude wash over you. Well played, Loafer, well played.

Written On The Body

The winners are in. Please celebrate the accomplishments of your fellow students who've earned acclaim and rewards for their creative writing. **The Robert Haiduke Poetry Prize winner is Mark Damon Puckett** for his "The drunk man thinks of suicide at the pulpit." Second Prize: Christopher McCurry for "Word Problems and the Order of Operation." Honorable Mention goes to Kristen Renée Miller for "winterbirdwatching." **The 2013 Fiction Prize goes to Phoebe Shang** for her story "The Swordsmith's Son." Kudos, props, and fist bumps to all!

Pho-d'oh!

Forgot to go order your BL pictures from Ed Brown at the Front Desk, Homer? An 8X10 will run you \$12 and that 5X7 costs \$9. If you place your **order by next Wednesday, 7/31**, the pics will be ready Monday, 8/5.

Scene: Your Classmates Hike To Silver Lake

The Class of 2013 will **meet in front of the Barn at 3 pm today**, carpool to the Silver Lake trailhead, hike about the countryside (~5 miles/3 hours), and descend upon A&W for a tasty feast. Word is Mr. McKee will make an appearance and capture the class in a Senior Photo.

21st Century Composition

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Important *Our Town* Notes

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Please consider **acting as an usher** for the show. Mary Spence is willing to work out usher coverage even if you can only offer a night or two of help. Contact her over BreadNet or in the Little Theatre.

The Bread Loaf Theater Costume Shop needs thimble-wearing stitch-masters to **help with clothing construction**. Prior sewing experience is helpful, but not necessary. If you can assist in these last few days before the show, you'll earn thanks, maybe a cold drink, high fives, and the satisfaction of knowing you helped make the summer's show a hit. Head to the Little Theatre 's office facing the tennis courts/Davison's entrance and make yourself available.

Heeere's Johnny!

Don't pay any attention to the similarities between the décor of Jack Torrance's hotel and the upper floors of the Inn. NBD. What's that about red lipstick all over the mirrors in Annex? Must be squirrels. You said the guy serving at the Pond Reading called himself Lloyd? Better call in Tyler Curtain for this one. He'll introduce **tonight's screening of *The Shining* in the Barn at 9 pm**. Scorsese calls Kubrick's film one of the scariest of all time, but you oughta judge for yourself. Bring a friend to walk you back to Room 237.

No Yoga Tonight, Friday, But Practice Your Asanas To Stay Limber For Suppressed Desires Dancin'!

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Events

Monday:

Lunsford Talk 7 pm

Yoga 7:30 pm

Tuesday:

Singing Group 5 pm

Ultimate 7 pm

Yoga 7:30 pm

Open S.O.C. Mtg. 7:30 pm

Wednesday:

Soccer 7 pm

Yoga 7:30 pm

Menu

Lunch: tomato soup; herbed hummus wraps; roast beef grinders; soy lent green

Dinner: grilled greek chicken; imam bayildi; spinach pie; roast red potatoes

Weather

Mon: you know... 77/57

Tue: 40% chance 73/61

Wed: as above 77/66

Dial x2710 in the event of an emergency after 11 pm

And So...What Is Writing?

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Take A Load Off, Annie, Take A Load For Free

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Race, Culture, and Equity Work in Public and Private Schools

Please join the Bread Loaf Students of Color group (SOC) for a panel discussion about race, culture, and equity work across our various school contexts. SOC members Ashley Bradley, Lorena German, Elly Nyamwaya, Jineyda Tapia, and Lauren Vargas will briefly share strategies, successes, challenges and resources from their classrooms and administrative work in private and public schools. Members of the audience will be invited to share their own successes, challenges, and questions from doing race, culture, and equity work in their schools and communities. Django Paris will moderate. All members of the Bread Loaf community are welcome **Tuesday, July 28, 7:30, Barn 1.**

Weekly Calendar

Monday: Andrea Lunsford talk, 7; Yoga, 7:30

Tuesday: Singers, 5; Yoga, 7:30; Open SOC Mtg., 7:30; Karaoke, late

Wednesday: Two Bros. Trivia, 7; Soccer, 7; Yoga, 7:30; *Our Town*, 8

Thursday: Yoga, 7:30; BLTN Mtg., 7; *Our Town*, 8; Pond Rdg., 9:30

Friday: Sara Blair workshop, 10; Frost Readers, 1:45; *Our Town*, 8

Saturday: Charlie Orr 5K, 9 am; *Our Town*, 8

Sunday: Soccer, 4:30; Blue Parlor, 7; *Our Town*, 8

Guy Pearce's 2000 Hit

Need to reconstruct the events of this summer, using only snapshots?

Ed Brown has BL 2013 photos. 8X10 runs you \$12 and that 5X7 costs \$9. If you place your order by Wednesday, 7/31, the pics will be ready next Monday, 8/5.

Two Wrongs Don't Make You Write

But a Writing Center reader could likely catch that third mistake and help you construct a stronger essay. Why not shoot up to Davison's second floor and make an appointment to discuss your current writing project? This week's open times are:

Monday: 8-10 am; 2-4:30 pm

Tuesday: 9:45-10:45 am; 1-3 pm

Wednesday: 9 am-1 pm; 2-5 pm; 7-8 pm

Thursday: 9:45 am-12 pm; 1-3 pm

Friday and Saturday: Closed

Sunday: 8-10 am; 11 am-1 pm; 3:30-5:30 pm; 7-9 pm

Monday: 8-10 am; 2-4:30 pm; 7-9 pm

Please keep the AC units running 24/7 in the Library. Books like dry, cool air. *Gracias.*

Thanksgiving Comes Early

Major gratitude coming your way, seniors and DA's. Please have the community's thanks for a fantastic **Suppressed Desires dance**. From the unbelievable Barn transformation to the speak-easy bartenders classing up the joint, the 2013 version of this open therapy session didn't disappoint. Most especially, hats off to Jackie, Tex, and Lindsay, leaders of the senior class who brought together their mates on Saturday afternoon and constructed our Gatsby-esque evening. Kudos to Calista Kelly, Kim Masterson, and Matt Cinotti for their behind the scenes, behind the bar, and early morning clean-up work. You've been wondering about the costume winners, I expect. They are Ted's geisha (Best Male), Ashley's Your Worst Nightmare (Best Female), the Gilmore Guys' Lost Boys (Best Ensemble), Jess's sexrobot (Most Creative), and John+Friend's Fifth Element extravaganza (Best Adaptation). Check Facebook for photos (incriminating and otherwise) from the event. Nice work, Loafers.

Two Days To Our Town

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Grab Your Gear

2013 BL T-shirts have arrived. You may claim yours on the **West Lawn Porch at 12:15 pm or after lunch today or tomorrow**. And, obviously, if you've not paid, but now have a shirt in hand: it's time to settle up.

Seniors, Can You Say...

- ☐ I have donated via the senior gift donation web link
- ☐ I have filled out the calendar indicating my attendance at senior events this summer
- ☐ I have contributed 5 USD for the senior reception
- ☐ I have seen Elaine if I want to bring someone else to the senior cruise
- ☐ I have sent Victoria my seating estimates for the graduation banquet.
- ☐ I am available for the senior picture on West Lawn Porch after lunch (1:30 pm) on **Tuesday, July 30th 2013**

Slip Slidin' Away

Sigh Gotta start thinking about closing things down this summer. Look in your email for a checklist to that effect sent from the Main Office. Here's a handy-dandy tear-off slip to drop at the Front Desk which details your departure info and makes it possible for a graduate's family to stay over for Little Junior's Big Day next weekend.

Name _____

Bread Loaf Room and Roommate's Name _____

Departure Date _____

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Tuesday:

Singing Group 5 pm

Ultimate 7 pm

Yoga 7:30 pm

Open S.O.C. Mtg. 7:30 pm

Our Town Preview 8 pm

Wednesday:

Soccer 7 pm

Yoga 7:30 pm

Our Town 8 pm

Thursday:

BLTN Mtg. 6:45 pm

Yoga 7:30 pm

Our Town 8 pm

Pond Reading 9:30-ish

Menu

Lunch: Cuban black bean soup; chicken fajita OR veggie/tofu fajita

Dinner: roast beef w/gravy OR tofu pot pie w/biscuits; mashed taters; green beans

Weather

Etta James' mega-hit

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Orr You Could Start Your Saturday With A Celebration

This Saturday's Charlie Orr 5K Run/Cruise/Strut/Wander will introduce you to one of the Mountain's important legacies: memorializing and celebrating a fantastic Loafer whom many professors and classmates remember fondly from the mid-80's. The Innkeepers and Front Deskers have put together a three-mile course with an eye toward maximal visual enjoyment. They've dialed up a mild sun, cool breezes, and little popinjays to sing your name as you amble/grind/saunter over hill and dale. You need not register or train for this one, gang. Simply **show up at John's Pond at 9 am Saturday morning** and become a part of it.

Time For *Our Town*

Whether you've got conflicts the other nights of the show or you suffer from impulse-control issues and *must* catch the thing ASAP, you can be among the very first to see *Our Town*. Alan MacVey and the BL Acting Company have graciously opened the doors to their **final dress rehearsal tonight at 8 pm**. You won't need a ticket, but are asked to arrive early enough to catch the **BL Singing Group at 7:30**. Thereafter, treat the show like a full preview performance, rather than the other rehearsals you've attended this summer. Through-hikers headed to work in Davison, please move quietly past the Little Theatre. Have a nice play.

Karaoke Korner

Amateur crooners and part-time yodelers are encouraged to take their talents to Two Brothers tonight around 10 pm. Carpoolers will meet near the Barn at 9:30 to form a BL musical phalanx and head down

Mountain. Have you got an above average tolerance for other folks' embarrassment? Lindsay Coffta's hoping to get Dos Hermanos to throw a Karayokay Partay for us next Monday. Contribute to her K-Fund by dropping some cash in her hand, then start prepping your best Megan impression: "Zou Bisou Bisou."

Fifth-Years, Check a Box If...

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The Devil Wears Prada

So, show Ol' Scratch what serious style looks like in your 2013 BL T-shirt. You may claim yours on the West Lawn Porch at **12:15 pm or after lunch today.** Sorry, Klipspringer: no money=no shirt-y.

A Frank Discussion

If, like your *Crumb* Bum, you cried over Kyoto and gnashed your teeth whenever someone mentioned the XL pipeline, you might be drawn by this one. Phil Aroneanu, Campaign Director at 350.org (and husband of Acting Ensemble Member Julia Proctor), will hold a **lunchtime discussion tomorrow** regarding fossil fuel divestment. You'll learn the particulars of such a project and ways to get involved with divestment efforts.

It's Like The Kumite Of Lawn Sports

Semifinal Match 1: Infinite Best vs. So You Think You Can Bocce; Quarterfinal 1: Bocce In Time Of Cholera vs. Balls of Different Sizes. Whither the bottom bocce bracket? Post your match times for spectators' sakes, bowlers.

Midnight Rider

Two items from the Help-A-Loafer File: BL Acting Ensemble Member Jonathan Fried hopes to **travel to Boston next Saturday morning, 8/10.** He'd love to share a ride with you because he's got to catch a ferry from Boston Hahbah at 1 pm. Since he's pledged to help cover gas costs, share the driving, bring snacks, and entertain you, I'd contact him stat and offer your passenger seat. And Noam Osband's aunt hopes very much to come see her nephew graduate. Do you know someone who's **traveling from NYC to Bread Loaf Friday, 8/9 or Saturday, 8/10 who can bring up Auntie?** Please BreadNet Noam or look for a purple sarong with accompanying ukulele theme music.

Bread Loaf Teacher Network Meeting

Thursday, 8/1, Barn 1, 6:45-7:45 pm. All are welcome.

Andrea Lunsford, moderator. Mike Sunderland: Pine Ridge Community Storytelling Project. Rex Lee Jim, Vice President of the Navajo Nation and Brent Peters: Navajo Kentuckians in the Garden of the Home God. Jineyda Tapia: The Map of a Latina Immigrant. Brendan McGrath and David Wandera: Alegnagik, AK and Nairobi, Kenya students exchange stories and negotiate meaning.

I'm Nearly Done With My Course Work, So What's With All These Forms?

Take a respite from wrangling with Rilke and attend to a few nuts n' bolts. That is, make certain you have **completed the Re-enrollment Form** sent to you over email. Doing so helps the Main Office plan for next summer. Please also **notify the Front Desk if you will attend the Graduation Banquet**, but don't plan to serve or graduate. The kitchen needs an accurate headcount to make the meal a success. Use the slip below to let Victoria know when you'll head off campus. Your room may become the one a graduate's family uses. Finally, the feedback you provide on **the evaluation forms** (also on your email from the Main Office) is instrumental in building a better Bread Loaf. Please fill those out with an eye toward improving the quality of future Loafers' experiences.

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Soccer	7 pm
Yoga	7:30 pm
Our Town	8 pm

Thursday:

BLTN Mtg.	6:45 pm
Yoga	7:30 pm
Our Town	8 pm
Pond Reading	9:30-ish

Friday:

Blair Workshop	10 am
Frost Readers	1:45 pm
Our Town	8 pm

Menu

Lunch: garlic & new potato soup; BBQ pulled pork OR veggie melt on focaccia; cornbread; Texas tater salad

Dinner: seafood paella OR three bean veggie paella

Weather

Wed: gorgeosity	81/57
Thu: Hatfield	79/63
Fri: Lion-O	75/61

Our Town Opens Tonight

It's finally here! Alan MacVey and the Bread Loaf Acting Ensemble present Thornton Wilder's *Our Town*. You've read the play for class, perhaps taught the thing, and you've watched the performance take shape over the course of BL's unique open rehearsals. Where else can you watch professionals act alongside Loafing students? Alan has pulled out all the stops to make your trip to Grover's Corner a memorable one. Here's your guide to BL play-going, brought to you by the *Crumb's* Office of Good Times. **Arrive at 7:30 pm to hear the Bread Loaf Singing Group. 8 pm will see the doors open.** Mary Spence and her ushers (you *can* still be one) will seat ticket-holders and then move to the Stand-By List. Nearly everyone on the Stand-By List gets a seat; simply find Mary before the show and let her know you'll wait near the theater doors to take your chance. There will be a short intermission during the play. Finally, if you happen to be cruising the west side of campus between 8 and 10 pm the next five nights, do take extra care to pass the Little Theatre quietly. **And please exchange unwanted tickets at the Front Desk and help someone else see the show!**

Reading Images: A Workshop

Led by Sara Blair, longtime Bread Loaf faculty member and University of Michigan professor.

"As writers, teachers, subjects, and citizens, we live in an ever-more challenging landscape of images. Instantly captured, infinitely reproducible, photographs have come not just to recall but to stand in for personal experience and collective history alike. What does it mean to engage critically with photographs? How can we train ourselves (and our students) to become more active, more ethically aware subjects of our image-world? In this workshop, we'll think together about the challenges and pleasures of teaching with images, and more broadly of learning from them, focusing on the largest and most important archive of commissioned photographs in history: the U.S. Farm Security Administration's record of Depression-era American life. Previous experience with photography is unnecessary (but of course welcome); the aim will be to look collectively and see what we can learn about looking as a practice. **Come join us Friday at 10 am in Barn 1.**"

Have You Made A Writing Center Appointment Yet? Help's Near

All Quiet On The Western Front Desk

As it has all summer long, the Front Desk acts as a mail depot, info center, advisory headquarters, and awful joke warehouse (looking at you, blondie). Now that you've wrapped your head around the fact of next week's leave-taking, remember that you can ship things back home from the Front Desk as long as you provide the boxes and the postage costs. The Front Desk will also accept the Departure Slips at the bottom of this page, as well as any gratuity you'd like to leave for the Housekeeping Staff that's ably cleaned your cottages and porches all summer. If you're a senior, there are a few more envelopes that need deposits from you. Check your BreadNet and get square.

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So, Deadline's A Strong, Too Strong, Term

Calista's extended the pick-up period for 2013 BL T-shirts. That means the extra shirts are now available to any and all Loafers. You may claim yours by contacting Calista Kelly on BreadNet or leave a note at the Front Desk. Grab yours fast, so others on the Wait List can array themselves in mint or goldenrod finery.

This Only Applies If You Live On Earth

Time for a re-think of our energy use and costs? Agree. Phil Aroneanu, Campaign Director at 350.org (and husband of Acting Ensemble Member Julia Proctor), will hold a **lunchtime discussion today** regarding fossil fuel divestment. You'll learn the particulars of such a project and ways to get involved with divestment efforts.

The Time You Won Your Town The Race

Housman was a sub-4 miler. Whether ye be fleet-footed half-miler, sometimes jogger, or simply an interested Loafer who wishes to play a part in a grand Bread Loaf tradition, **you're invited to participate in the 2013 Charlie Orr 5K this Saturday morning at 9 am.** Past Orr ambulators have won prizes for costuming, for overall *esprit de corps*, and for contributions to the Greater Good. Past Orr winners have run really fast. You may fall into either group—or anywhere in between—but we very much hope to see you out on Saturday to celebrate the life a fantastic Loafer amidst your friends and under the subtle sun.

Michael Dirda's Favorite Place

Stop in the Annex Bookstore this week. You can pick up unclaimed course texts, browse the BL merchandise, and add your picks to the Favorite Books Read In The Last Year List that's been accumulating entries all summer long. Look for the posted list next week and take a few Loafers' recs home with you.

On The Road

Wanna play Sal Paradise to Jonathan's Dean Moriarty? Mr. Fried would love a ride to Boston on Saturday, 8/10. He needs to leave early in order to make his 1 pm ferry from the Harbor. Gasoline, snacks, an extra driver, and stories from Alvin Epstein's career are all on offer. Recall, too, that Noam Osband's trying to get his aunt to the Mountain from NYC on Friday or Saturday of next week. If you know someone—spouse, parent, or parole officer, for example—who plans to drive up to see you graduate, please contact Noam forthwith.

Imperatives

Plan. Write. Rip. Drop at Front Desk.

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Our Town	8 pm

Menu

Lunch: chicken and veggie stir fry OR tofu and veggie stir fry; egg rolls

Dinner: grilled pork in tomatillo salsa OR enchilada pie; roasted sweet potatoes

Weather

Thu: 's gon' rain	79/59
Fri: mixed bag	75/55
Sat: 5K weather	72/57

BLTN Tonight

August 1, Barn 1, 6:45-7:45 pm. **All are welcome.**

Food For Thought: Rex Lee Jim, Vice President of the Navajo Nation, visiting Bread Loaf for a few days, and Brent Peters will talk about Navajo Kentuckians.

Nairobi and Alegnagik Besties: David Wandera and Brendan McGrath.

Pine Ridge Storytelling Project: David Sunderland

The Map of a Latina Immigrant: Jineyda Tapia.

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The Way To Rainy Mountain

You're not letting a little drizzle get you down. The Pond Reading's on. Grab a rain shell, an umbrella, or your dry suit from Windandsea and head down to John's Pond **tonight around 9:30 pm**. The lads and ladies of Larch will host the diluvial event, promising a Mystery Faculty Reader of great renown and estimable recitative skill. Please stay mindful of *the vocal fun* you "share" with the community. The play's on until after 10 pm and theater-goers don't want to be pulled away from fictional New Hampshire until they're ready. Have a blast. Bring your green hat.

Peer Poetry

You're cordially invited to hear the poetic output of students in Ruth Forman's class. They'll give a **reading in the Barn this Sunday, 8/4, at 4 pm in the Barn**. Each student will read 1-2 poems, so the event will likely last just over an hour. Expect light refreshments and discussion-provoking work. Recharge those creative batteries before you head back to Davison and write the conclusion to "Nothing Funny in this House of Mirth: The Danger of Sleeping Aids."

BL Shirts Make Great Gifts For The Crew Back Home

The style mavens in Treman have extended the pick-up period for 2013 BL T-shirts. Contacting Calista Kelly on BreadNet or leaving a note at the Front Desk just might take care of those stocking stuffers you always sweat in mid-December. De-stress your holiday gift giving; buy a (couple) BL t-shirts.

Ready Reference

Andrea Lunsford's made the Power Point slides from her 7/28 and 7/29 presentations available on BreadNet. To find them, click on the Conferences icon from your BreadNet desktop, then the BLRTN icon, then see the posting from Shel Sax. Professor Lunsford's name is in the subject heading. The slides are entitled "What Is Literacy Today?" and "What Is Writing—And How Should We Teach It?"

Run With The Horsemen

Saturday's the 2013 Charlie Orr 5K at 9 am. Wonder if the race organizers (read: Charlie's pals) knew in the 80's they'd be offering up the 28th rendition of this celebratory event? The long life of the Orr is testament to the class of this community and the outsized effect Charlie had on those around him. We very much hope to see you out on Saturday to celebrate the life a fantastic Loafer. All walkers, runners, traipsers, and shufflers **welcome at John's Pond Saturday morning**.

Cross-country Snow

Round about this time of summer, it's tough to plan your meals in advance, much less some weekend fun. No worries, mate. Allow the *Crumb* Foreign Film Office to suggest *Blancanieves*, a Pablo Berger-directed homage to silent films. Here's a short synopsis from the International Film Festival webspace to pique your interest: "Once upon a time there was a little girl who had never known her mother. She learned the art of her father, a famous bullfighter, but was hated by her evil stepmother. One day she ran away with a troop of dwarves, and became a legend. Set in southern Spain in 1920s." Come on, that sounds legit, right? Look for Manus, er, Papa Hemingway in background shots. **Film starts at 7 pm this Saturday, 8/3, in Dana Auditorium (Sunderland Language Center on College Street) and runs 1 ¾ hours.**

The Hudsucker Proxy

All seniors are reminded of the Class of '13 dinner with Professor Huddle **tomorrow evening at 7:30 pm**. Please meet at 7 pm on the Barn steps to caravan or simply join the crew down at Flatbread. Questions? Check BNet.

Silver Linings Playbook

"Henri" Matt "eese" Fiorentino passes along the following 411 for the summer's last excursion: "A final romp in the woods for you merry Loafers...don't forget to bring your swim suits. If weather permits, we'll swim at Silver Lake, located no more than a ten minute drive from home base. **We will leave the Inn at 9 am**, hike up to the Lake, picnic there, and lounge around the pristine waters surrounded by mountains, then make our **way back to the Loaf no later than 2 pm**. Bring suitably soled shoes, a water bottle, and a layer for possible inclement weather."

Heads Up

You know what to do with this thing by now, *verdad?*

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Our Town 8 pm

Saturday:

Charlie Orr 5K 9 am

iPad Workshop 10 am

Our Town 8 pm

Sunday:

Forman Class Rdg. 4 pm

Blue Parlor 7 pm

Menu

Lunch: hard or soft shell
tacos with beef OR tofu

Dinner: burger bar; hot dogs;
cheeses; beans; slaw; salads

Weather

Fri: some clouds 79/57

Sat: some sun 77/54

Sun: that's some pig 72/48

Sunday Writing Center

Hours

8-10; 11-1; 3:30-5:30; 7-9

The Play's The Thing

Our Town reviews have been universally positive. The Singing Group rocks. Weather's been (somewhat) cooperative. You've got to see this play before it closes Sunday. Remember to exchange unneeded tickets at the Front Desk. And, seriously, you *can* score a seat if you're willing to wait on Stand-By. Look for Mary Spence in the Box Office around 7:30 pm and hop on the list.

For the love, care, imagination, and unceasing grace with which you've created magic for Loafers over the years:

Thank You, Alan MacVey.

3rd Event At Phaeacian Games

Scene: you miss the alarm clock and wake up at 8:30. It takes ten minutes to find the keys to your orange Honda element, then—in your still sleepy stupor—you try to unlock the *wrong* orange Element with totally different bumper stickers. Comedy. So, it's 8:45 and the Charlie Orr 5K starts in 15. You walk over to John's Pond (forget the dang car; you gotta race) and find the smiling faces of fellow 5K participants. The mellow tones of the starter (sounds a bit like Yeats, a bit like Joyce) soothe your frayed nerves. The sunlight dances playfully on your shoulders. You cruise through the three mile course, grab a bite, and relax with Loafers afterwards. All before the rest of campus stirs.

See you **tomorrow morning at 9 am for the Charlie Orr 5K**. Or maybe earlier if you'd like a proper warm-up. The event's open to all BL community members. It's for walkers and runners in equal measure, as the Orr is really about the Bread Loaf family that Charlie loved. Be a part of a fine tradition. Do the Orr.

Once More To The Lake

"Laundry" Matt Fiorentino passes along the deets for the summer's last excursion: "A final romp in the woods for you merry Loafers...don't forget to bring your swim suits. If weather permits, we'll swim at Silver Lake, located no more than a ten minute drive from home base. **We will leave the Inn at 9 am**, hike up to the Lake, picnic there, and lounge around the pristine waters surrounded by mountains, then make our **way back to the Loaf no later than 2 pm**. Bring suitably soled shoes, a water bottle, and a layer for possible inclement weather." **Sign up at the Front Desk for tomorrow's hike.**

Pocketful Of Poesy

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I Am A Camera

Ed Brown has plenty of photographs he'll happily sell to you. All School Photo, Senior Photo, Faculty Photo, he's got 'em all. 8X10, \$12. 5X7, \$9. Check this space next week for information about the Summer Slideshow.

Racketeering Charges

Clay court netters have pushed the WimbleLoaf tennis tournament into its final days. The first quarterfinal pits one Roach against another: Hadley will play Matt for the honor of facing Lars Engle in the next round. The other side of the bracket? Well, there's *some* progress. Jimmy Ades battles Geoff Nelson in quarterfinal #2, while Ted Ogden patiently waits for Noam Osband and Jess Wolinsky to join the tourney and play their first round game.

Paul Newman's 1963 Ne'er-Do-Well Cowboy

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Amazing Grace

The bench under the Dining Room bulletin board has become Lost & Found. Now's the time to drop off those items you helpfully picked up from common areas. It's also time to return any tableware you might have lying around the room. As soon as that final paper's done, you'd do well to return any library books as well. And if you've got that SCDS green and white umbrella that went missing from Davison Library last week, I'd really like it.

Ride Share Central

Jessie Candlin has graciously offered to start a sign-up sheet for rides to Burlington and other points south. She's looking to share a shuttle to the B'ton airport next Wednesday morning and would love to split costs and have a traveling companion. Noam's still hoping to get his aunt here from NYC on Friday, 8/9 (or even early enough Saturday to see him graduate). Check the Dining Hall bulletin board and please help Loafers travel.

Sale-ing To Byzantium

The Annex Bookstore will run a 20% off sale all next week. Come down for discounts on clothing, giftware, and books. The prices will be good Monday, 8/5—Friday, 8/9. Graduates: your people will want BL gear, yes? Can't get enough solid deals to feed your biblio-jones? Try the Ilsley Public Library's book sale. It runs today, 11 am-4 pm, and tomorrow, 11 am-3 pm. Bonus: you can snag a bag o' books for \$1 if you head down tomorrow. The library's right in downtown Midd, just past the movie theater and before the traffic roundabout.

Fiction Reading Monday

"You are invited to a reading by Rae Paris' fiction class **this Monday in the Barn at 7:30 pm**. Each student will have just five minutes to share her/his original work with you. We are hoping you will come support us!"

Five For Fighting

So You Think You Can Bocce and Infinite Best will play their semifinal match this weekend in a clash of titanic proportions. Winner gets to play for all the marbles. Meanwhile, Bocce In The Time Of Cholera awaits the quarterfinal tilt between Waitstaph Infection and What I Think About When I Think About Bocce.

iANNOTATE

Brent Ashley will offer a **workshop tomorrow, Saturday, 8/3, Barn 1, 10-noon**, on the iPad app iAnnotate, an easy-to-use app for reading, annotating, and sharing your files. All are welcome

Croutons Can Help

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Paris Class Rdg. 7:30 pm

Yoga 7:30 pm

Slideshow 9 pm

BL Karaoke 9-ish

Tuesday:

2 Bros. Trivia 7 pm

Yoga 7:30 pm

Slideshow 9 pm

Wednesday:

Relax All Day

Senior Cruise 1 pm

Otter Creek Event 6 pm

Menu

Lunch: veggie soup w/pistou;
grilled Italian sausages;
grilled summer veggies
w/tortellini; salads for all!

Dinner: roast turkey OR
butternut-squash gratin

Weather

Mon: hey now! 65/43

Tue: a perfect end 72/54

Wed: 40% chance 72/58

Fiction Class Gives Reading Tonight

"Like barns? Like barns not filled with hay? Like barns that are not filled with adults in 80's garb dancing and grinding to pumping bass? Go then, and sit in the Barn. While there, if you happen to **arrive between 7:30 and 8:30 pm tonight**, you might hear people reading. Rae Paris' Fiction Class invites all members of the Bread Loaf community to the Barn this evening to enjoy a reading. Inspired by writers like Junot Diaz, Stephen Elliott, and Danielle Evans, the class has focused on writing as an exploration of the forces that construct identity. Kick back and enjoy the final moments of Bread Loaf in the Barn with stories and friends." Refreshments served.

An Orr'd Man's Winter's Night

Congrats to those who Did The Orr Saturday morning and thanks to those who came to cheer on the participants. The Charlie Orr 5K was held under sunny skies and amidst cooling breezes that led to some eyebrow-raising times. Way to dial that weather up, race organizers, after all the rain we've had this summer. Your Trackside Reporter brings you the following highlights. Overall Student Winner and winner in the Women's Category was Lizzie Short. Jamie Cordes took home the Men's crown. Brian Burkhart clocked the race's fastest time, indicating what he's been doing this summer without BL papers to write; Brian took first in the Graduate Division. Apparently Ben Freedman's not sampled much of the Dining Room fare he's been serving, seeing as he won the Faculty Children Category. Cindy Rosenthal repped the thespians, earning gold in the Theater Division. And Toller Hungerford served notice that perhaps electric fences really *do* make faster track athletes. Winning the Canine Category was only possible after he saw the postman on the other side of the finish line. To the race organizers, participants, and spectators: thanks for another fine event.

Sweet Dreams Are Made Of This

Alan MacVey and the students in his Page to Stage class cordially invite you to see a **staged reading of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* this afternoon at 2 pm in Barn A**. The performance will move to John's Pond shortly thereafter, so you might catch up with the play down there should you arrive a bit later. Work's all done and you want to get you some culture? Who am I to disagree...

Please Complete Your Course And Program Evaluations Online!

Just Don't Tag Me Because My Students Will Ask Questions

Ed Brown has plenty of photographs for you to pick up. All School Photo, Senior Photo, Faculty Photo. 8X10, \$12. 5X7, \$9. Make certain you bring your moolah to pay for those remembrances of yours he's longed to redeliver.

It's A Marvelous Night For A Moondance

The Front Desk sends notice that there'll be no van run this Wednesday afternoon. You can still travel to Midd on the Wednesday morning trip. Say hello to G-L-O-R-I-A, Glooooo-ria when you're there.

Tying It Up

Please recall that you can use the Front Desk for UPS/USPS needs. They'd also love to know when you plan to depart. And you can use that Inn trip to drop off a gratuity—amount of your choosing, of course—for the Housekeeping Staff that has cleaned the Barn, your dorms, and cottage porches all summer long.

Championship Week

Bread Loaf's version of Jenny Dell (Note: *Crumb* Bum turned down NESN's lucrative offer in favor of another summer on the Mountain) was on hand Sunday to chronicle the gargantuan semifinal between Infinite Best and So You Think You Can Bocce. "Mac" Griff "The Crime Dog" Stabler kept the pressure on Peter "Isaac" Newton and Emily "Post" Gooch with a succession of velvety throws. Best's other half, "Haz" Matt Roach made life uncomfortable for SYTYCB with towering throws from odd angles. Their combined, Captain Planet-like powers mean Infinite Best moves into the 678th Championship Match of the International Bocce Tournament. The opposite side of the bracket saw a Tiger-esque Sunday charge to the summit of bocce-irvana. As the name suggests Waitstaph Infection moved through their matches like a hot knife... (it's Monday; sue me). "Que Sera" Sara Griesbach put her sure hand and strong serving arm to good use, while Muir Haman "For All Seasons" remembered his hoops training and played lights out defense. Not sure those low posts move are entirely legal in lawn games, but there were no complaints lodged with Tournament HQ. The pair used clutch final throws and an intimate knowledge of the Inn's lesser known East Lawn to dispatch their opponents, Bocce In The Time Of Cholera. Connor "My Last Decent Film Was Jerry" Maguire and Kevin "Don't Call Me Henry" Higgins were gentlemen and good sports throughout a tough, tense match and backed The Infection to win it all. Find out if they're right by checking the bulletin board for notice of the Final's time and location.

P-P-P-Papa, PapaRAzzi

Ed "ifying" Brown has forged new paths in the realm of photographic presentation. This year's Summer Slideshow comes to you directly from a newfangled contraption called a MacBook. Ed's spent those afternoons when you were reading *Dorian Gray* actually taking your pics and plotting his August multi-media retrospective. The show begins at 9 pm tonight in the Barn and will run again tomorrow night, same time and place.

Journey Of The Magi

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Because Letting Them Just Hang Out In Tamarack Field During Graduation Seems A Poor Idea

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Yoga 7:30 pm

Slideshow 9 pm

Wednesday:

Relax

Senior Cruise 1 pm

Otter Creek Event 6 pm

Thursday:

NER Rdg. Series 7 pm

Settle All Accounts @ F Desk

Menu

Lunch: split pea soup w/ or w/o ham; grilled hanger steak OR grilled veggie rigamarole

Dinner: chicken saltimbocca over linguine; veggie lasagna; sautéed Swiss chard, onions, carrots

Weather

Tue: that'll do fine 74/56

Wed: 50% chance 74/65

Thu: 60% now 76/61

Seniors may pick up regalia in the Bookstore now!

Congratulations And Well Wishes For Many, Many More!

Carol MacVey passes along the following to the *Crumb's* Office of Courtship and Matrimony. "Alan and I will celebrate **our 30th wedding anniversary today, 8/6**. We met at Bread Loaf and were married at Johnson's (now John's) Pond. An epithalamium (I Do, I Do, I Do!) was written and performed for the occasion: a tale in which three famous couples—Romeo and Juliet/Nora and Torvald/Oedipus and Jocasta—kept getting into bed with the wrong partner. The reception was on the lawn of Tamarack." Fantastic! Enjoy the day, enjoy the milestone, and long live the Loaf.

On the same subject, any other Loafers with a Bread Loaf genesis story out there? A certain *Crumb* Bum, for instance, found the Only One (or she found him, depending on who you ask) here years ago before wedding in Midd. Grads, off-campusers, staff, students: contact Harvey Hincker on BreadNet so we might compile these tales.

T-Pain's Vehicle

Calista Kelly has delivered directions to the Class of 2013 and their guests for **tomorrow's Senior Cruise at 1 pm**. As per yesterday's lunch announcement, link up with classmates and plan the driving situation carefully. Give yourself a bit of extra time as road work on Route 7 North may delay you. **Two shuttles will leave from the Inn at 12:10 pm**; sign up to secure one of twelve seats at the Front Desk.

Big Props To Little Theatre

You each attended *Our Town* in the last week and, therefore, you know the *Crumb's* Department of Theatrical Reportage would be remiss in not thanking the entire crew who worked to make Wilder's play—and your summer—a thoughtful, imaginative, moderately surreal experience. Heath Hansum and Michael McGarrity led much of the technical work, constructing stages, sets, and lighting rigs with their talented crews. Ariel and others in the Costume Shop wowed us with turn o' the century duds. Student actors *nailed it* alongside the pros. Mary Spence and Amy Stern were behind-the-scenes *generalissimas*, attending to a thousand details with grace and good humor. Alan MacVey's able leadership made all the gears turn. And thank you to all members of the Bread Loaf Acting Ensemble for the work you did in our classes and for the marvelous fun you made for us all last week. It is, indeed, "our Mountain," like the Stage Manager says. Thanks for helping us remember what it's given to Loafers over the years.

Putting Off Packing? Here Are Three Ways To Productively Procrastinate

Logistical notes: DO keep a hold of your Bread Loaf ID card. You'll need it to access grades and it'll be your primary Middlebury identity-granter during your association with the College (plus, it costs you \$ to replace). DO submit your re-enrollment forms ASAP. That way, you can be assured you get the campus you want next year and the Main Office can accurately plan the tonnage of coffee required to ensure student papers get written in a timely fashion. DO thoughtfully complete the Course and Program Evaluations. The information therein will help make BL better for future students and will produce new experiences crafted according to your feedback.

Bread Loaf Journal Celebrates Language And Wordsmithing Across All Campuses

The brand new, first-run **Bread Loaf Journal** drops today. Snag a copy of your fellows' work in poetry and prose. Look for the labor of love undertaken by John Oliver and Simon Brown at lunch. Many thanks to you, both!

T-Shirt-ly You're Joking, Mr. Feynman

If you believe it, Calista Kelly still has 2013 BL T's for sale. Lots of Ladies' Smalls left over mean you could wrap up gifties for the kiddies before you head home. She'll make them available all week, but you need to contact her over BreadNet to get hooked up. What about a Welcome to the Mountain gift when your family arrives, grads?

Bringing It All Back Home

Robert Zimmerman knows you can use the Front Desk for UPS/USPS needs. And you can use that Inn trip to drop off a gratuity—amount of your choosing, of course—for the Housekeeping Staff that has cleaned the Barn, your dorms, and cottage porches all summer long.

The Dark Knight Rises

Here's a message for those of you planning to stick around for a few extra days. Professor Bettina Matthias, Chair of Midd's Department of German, wishes to "invite everybody at Bread Loaf to the German for Singers program's production of Johann Strauss's 'Die Fledermaus' **next Thursday and Friday**. Maybe you are familiar with our special program for singers; if not, here is a quick rundown: The program welcomes about a dozen professional singers to Middlebury's German School each summer, and since 2011, we have added the production and performance of a German opera to our offerings. There will be two performances at the Town Hall Theater, and both will be preceded by a **brief pre-performance lecture in English at 7:30 pm** so that people who are not so conversant in German can follow. Since the Town Hall Theater has two separate sections, we can preserve the integrity of the language pledge and yet share our work with everyone interested in coming." **The show itself begins at 8 pm on 8/15 and 8/16 and tickets will run you \$15.** Purchase them at: townhalltheater.org.

Itinerary

Jessie Candlin still hopes to share a shuttle to the B'ton airport next Wednesday morning and would love to split costs and have a traveling companion. Noam wants to get his aunt here from NYC on Friday, 8/9 (or even early enough Saturday to see him graduate). And Blake Reemstma needs to be in Burlington **tonight**; he's got an early bird flight out Wednesday at sunrise. Too, check the bulletin board and make a Loafer's travel home a little easier.

Scattered Pictures In The Corner Of My Mind

Ed "What Can" Brown "Do For You" has created a beautiful memento from the summer of '13. This year's Summer Slideshow comes to you directly from a newfangled contraption called a MacBook. Ed's spent those afternoons when you were reading *Dorian Gray* actually taking your pics and plotting his August multi-media retrospective. **The show begins at 9 pm tonight in the Barn.** Buy photos you see in the show from Ed!

There's A Red Branch Over Yonder, That's Where My Baby Stays

Josh Duennebier leaves this note for you authors with publishable work: "My sister is the editor of the Red Branch Journal, a literary magazine based in New York, NY. They are always looking for submissions (redbranchjournal.com), and she asked me to spread the word here at the literary HQ. I'm going to leave some copies in the Inn for perusal. Check the website for all the rest."

Gareth Bale

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Events

Today:

Picnic Lunch
12:45 pm West Lawn

Banquet
6 pm Dining Hall

Commencement
7:30 pm Little Theater

Reception
8:30 pm Barn

Sunday:

Breakfast
7:30 am Please buy a ticket

Final Checkout
11 am Front Desk

Menu

Picnic: burgers; bbq ribs;
baked beans; tater salad;
black bean burgers; hot
diggity; desserts

Banquet: striploin with demi-
glace; butternut ravioli with
cider sauce; roasted
asparagus; Yukon mashed
potatoes; chocolate mousse

Weather

Today: purty nice 74/54
Travelin': few clouds 70/52

Gratitude Is The Memory Of The Heart

A doff of the cap to you, Senior Leaders—in name as well as action—for the generosity and elán you've shown over the summer. *Los Presidentes* Coffta and Wandera, Tex Tourais, Jackie, and the crew: we appreciate your work. Senior Wranglers Victoria and Edward Brown merit more words of gratitude. I'll leave you to thank them individually for years of warmth, support, and humor.

Through Tattered Clothes Great Vices Appear; Robes Hide All

Alright, you've got the regalia in hand and it's time to do this thing. Culled from years of Program Evaluations, here's the scoop on looking your gradu-finest on the big night. I assume you can handle the labyrinthine complexities of the new-fangled device they're calling a 'zipper.' But what, you ask, do I wear underneath that rayon luxuriance? Some say three-piece suit, others birthday suit. Depends on your subsequent plans, I guess. Next, be certain you've 86'd the ol' mortarboard. The Class of 2013 is getting all Jack Kennedy at his Inauguration (bonus fact: local Ripton boy delivered a well-received poem at the same event.) Honestly, just be sure you're comfortable tonight. Easy for me to say. I haven't got six family members asking me to 'look graduated' for the barrage of camera flashes. Here's a crucial point: **Remember to hang onto the regalia in the rush after Commencement because you need to turn it in to the DA's at the reception this evening.** Calista, Matt, and Kim will be handing out bubbly and retrieving your gowns. **Faculty regalia stays in Treman.**

Let's Review The Reading, Class

Keep yourself current with contemporary fiction, poetry, and non-fiction by snagging a subscription to *New England Review*. Edited by Bread Loaf's own Stephen Donadio, the *Review* continually challenges and rewards your careful reading. With an enhanced web presence and the sponsorship of the Vermont Reading Series, the *Review's* commitment to literary excellence gives you varied means to feed your head. Subscription brochures at the Inn or www.nereview.com are your best bet to get yourself in the know. If you made it to Thursday's *NER* Reading at Carol's, you know the quality of work on offer.

Missing Me One Place, Search Another; I Stop, Waiting For You
Congratulations, Seniors. Mr. Emory's poem notwithstanding, the Mountain will always be home. Until you return again, godspeed.

Life After Bread Loaf

I've overstayed my welcome.
First they dismantle the set:
that imagined landscape
that took shape
week by week,

a nowhere becoming a somewhere,

now unscrewed,
pried up,
torn down,
stripped out,
carted off
to a little pile of lumber and fabric
behind the Barn.

Then the reserve books:
anthologies, analyses
stacked,
boxed,
trucked down to town.
The regular books too.

White
shelves
now
empty
of
ideas.

I didn't expect the Barn to go,
but
down
it
comes,
beam
by
beam,
all numbered and stacked.

The Inn too,
starting with the bell,
Adirondack chairs,
tennis nets,
the flag pole,
the stone wall.

All gone. Even the bugs.

And here I stand
in the middle of nowhere
that was once somewhere.

But wait a minute.
That's my car.

You'll have to move it, they say.
We're rolling up the meadow.

In my rear view mirror,
they start unscrewing the trees.

—David Emory—